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PRESS RELEASE

Child Safety/Schools Out

Schools in our area are closed or soon will be for summer break. This annual event brings numerous children out in the community to enjoy their summer vacations. The East Dundee Police Department looks forward to a safe and happy summer for all of our residents and those who pass through our community.

With that in mind, **children should always cross at the corner, stop and look both ways, and never cross between parked cars!**

Motor vehicle operators are reminded to be extra cautious around playgrounds, parks, residential areas and recreational facilities where children play. Children are often preoccupied with play and not attentive to traffic and other hazards. We encourage drivers to pay special attention for young people at play.

Drivers are asked to please drive slowly, obey the speed limit, and watch out for children.

Citizens are encouraged to immediately report erratic or dangerous driving via a call to 9-1-1. Officers will respond to those calls.

Bicycle Safety Tips

The East Dundee Police Department reminds bicyclists to follow basic bicycle safety guidelines:

- Protect your head with a helmet that fits snugly and meets government standards.
- Wear light-colored or bright reflective clothing to be more visible to motorists.
- Choose close-fitting clothing to avoid clothing items being caught in the moving parts of the bicycle.
- Avoid riding at night, but, if you do, your bike must have a functional front light and rear reflector.
- Stay alert, while riding, and watch for hazards.

- Wear eye protection to keep dust and insects from getting into your eyes.
- Obey traffic signals and signs (i.e. stop, yield, and traffic signals), when riding on a public roadway. The same laws that apply to motorists apply to bicyclists on the roadway.
- Make sure that all bicycle equipment (brakes, lights, reflectors, etc.) is in good working order.
- Small children riding on a parent's bike should be in a special seat behind the main seat and wearing a helmet. Spoke guards should also be used to avoid the child's feet getting caught in the spokes.
- Bikes should be locked up, when left unattended.
- Keep bike sales receipts and serial numbers in the event that the bike is lost or stolen; and then report the loss to the Police Department, if one occurs.
- Register your bicycle at the Police Department. It allows for the return of the bike, if it is recovered.
- Finally, when there is a bike path available in your area of us, please utilize it, rather than assume the additional risk on a nearby roadway.

Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable summer.