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Police Offer Back to School Safety Tips

With the new school year approaching, the Los Banos Police Department would like to offer a few safety tips to make your new school year a safe one:

- Give yourself enough time in the morning to get to all of your destinations, taking into account the increase in school traffic.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing a seat belt.
- Be on the lookout for young pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Slow Down. Especially in school zones or near bus stops.
- Stop for all school busses picking up/dropping off children displaying red warning lights and stop signs.
- Obey school crossing guards.
- Remember that hands free cell phone use is the law and text messaging while driving is illegal.
- Parents should remind their children to walk, not ride bicycles across crosswalks, wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, and never talk to strangers.

“We are scheduling more officers to patrol the schools during the first few weeks of the new school year. They will be focusing on traffic enforcement and making sure our children get to school safely.”

-Ray Reyna, Commander

To leave an anonymous crime tip call **209-827-7070 Ext. 288**. If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip at the Police Department’s web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the “Contact” page simply click on the “report graffiti and other crime” link or visit the Merced Area Crime Stoppers by telephone at 1-855-725-2420, or at www.mercedareacrimestoppers.org

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