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<b>School is Back in Session - MONTHLY TRAINING TOPIC</b>	

The first day of school is upon us, so now it's time to remind everyone to be acutely aware of the children that are out and about as well as the school buses.

**Here are some basic facts for you to be aware of:**

- Across the nation 23.5 million children travel on school buses
- Since 1990, 224 children died in school bus-related crashes
- Half of all children killed were between 5 and 7 years old
- Approaching and leaving the bus poses the greatest risk for children
- Most of the fatalities occurred between 7:00am and 9:00am and also between 2:00pm and 4:00pm (most occurred in the afternoon)

**Some defensive driving tips that can help are as follows:**

1. Scanning the road and not focusing on one object.
2. When driving in areas with school zones, watch out for children who are thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.
3. Pay special attention to younger students. They are smaller and harder to see. They are inexperienced and impulsive.
4. Slow down. Watch for children walking in the road, especially if there are no sidewalks in the area.
5. Be aware of children playing and congregating near bus stops.
6. Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
7. Drivers need to learn and obey the school bus laws.
8. Be aware of speed limit changes when entering school zones.
9. Remember, children do not behave like adults. They can become easily distracted. They don't know the danger of moving vehicles and can't judge vehicle speed or distance very well.
10. Because of their size, the bus may interfere with other drivers seeing the children.
11. Children expect vehicles to stop for them at a school bus stop.
12. Think twice before legally passing a moving bus on a two-lane road. Children that are late for the bus may be running across the road to the bus stops up ahead.
13. Remember, yellow flashing school bus lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.
14. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off the bus. Stop, wait for the bus to turn off lights, retract stop arm and begin moving again, then look for children crossing the road or near the road before you move your vehicle.
15. Remember, not obeying flashing lights can lead to a citation and a fine, plus it is very dangerous.
16. Motorists approaching a school bus from either direction must stop when the bus displays flashing lights and extends the stop signal arm.