

# SAFETY MONDAY

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... THE START OF SCHOOL.



It is an exciting time for children, parents, and teachers. As we return to somewhat of a normal routine for school, we must be more focused; more alert and certainly safety minded as our children navigate this thrilling adventure, some for the first time.

Take a moment to review these safety tips to ensure that not only our children have a great school year, but that we provide a safe environment for all ---

- ✓ Know the school locations on your route. Remember that school buses are on city, residential and rural roads.
- ✓ Watch for children running across streets; to buses or even to meet their parents.
- ✓ The 10-foot area around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow plenty of space for entering and exiting buses.
- ✓ Remember that children are unpredictable; they may not heed a warning or a sign; expect the unexpected; be alert and keep your eyes moving when near schools; intersections and buses.
- ✓ Most states have similar laws for passing stopped buses: you cannot pass a stopped bus on an undivided roadway. Know your state's requirements.
- ✓ Plan: Focus and Execute Safely Every day.