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Safe School Traffic Zone

The Piedmont Police Department conducts traffic enforcement for the safety of all pedestrians and motorists who travel through our city. As parents of school-aged children, we know you share our own concerns related to vehicular traffic in and around the schools within the City of Piedmont. Out of this concern, the Piedmont Police Department has established the Safe School Traffic Zone effort. This effort will consist of public education and enforcement. Again, the goal is to realize an actual decrease in violations and hazardous driving for the overall safety of the public.

Often times, individuals don't realize certain driving practices are actually in violation of the law or are unaware of the impact their driving practices have on other motorists and pedestrians. The purpose of the following information is to provide the public with information on the frequent traffic issues directly related to drop-off and pick-up areas in the school zones throughout the City of Piedmont.

Crosswalks Violations:

1. CVC 2815- Any person who disregards any traffic signal or direction by an authorized nonstudent crossing guard wearing official crossing guard insignia and who during course of his/her duties, is protecting any person crossing the street near a school, or while guard is returning to a place of safety.
2. CVC 21950(a)- Any person who does not yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

Turn Violations:

1. CVC 22103- U-Turn residence district: U-Turn with a vehicle approaching within 200 feet from either direction, except at a sign or signal controlled intersection.
2. CVC 22100.5- U-turn only from far left-hand lane lawfully available.
3. CVC 22101(d)- Fail to obey directions of sign or device. (Prohibits driving straight from a turn lane and disobeying "no left turn or right turn" signs at intersections.)
4. CVC 22104- Fire station U-turn- No person shall make a U-turn in front of the driveway entrance or approaches to a fire station. No person shall use the driveway



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entrance or approaches to a fire station for the purpose or turning a vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction.

Cell Phone Violations:

1. CVC 23123(a)- A person shall not drive while using a wireless telephone unless that telephone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking, and is used in that manner while driving.
2. CVC 23123.5(a)- **Texting while driving:** A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, unless the electronic wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation to dictate, send, or listen to a text-based communication, and it is used in that manner while driving.

Parking Violations:

1. CVC 22500- Parking unlawfully: Stop, park, leave standing any vehicle attended or unattended.
2. CVC 22500(b)- Parking unlawfully on crosswalk.
3. CVC 22500(h)- Double parking on roadway side of any vehicle stopped, parked or standing at the curb or edge of roadway.
4. Piedmont City Ordinance 11.38- Obedience to signs or curb.

Speed Violations:

1. CVC 22350- Basic Speed law: No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.
2. CVC 22352(2)(A)- 25mph limits in business or residence district
3. CVC 22352 (2)(B)- 25mph in posted school zone with children going to or from during school hours or noon recess, or school grounds without a fence, gate or other barrier while in use by children.

It should be noted the speed limit on all streets in the City of Piedmont is 25mph or less. As an arterial road, and path for many students walking to PHS and PMS, Oakland Avenue continues to be a roadway our officers monitor for



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hazardous driving. As the school year begins, officers will also be paying close attention to violations on Oakland Avenue as well as ensuring motorists adhere to the new pedestrian crossing.

The violations, outlined in the form of a handout, will be distributed to motorists during traffic enforcement encounters with officers. The hand-outs will also be available in each of the school offices so parents may proactively familiarize themselves with some of the common violations.

Please join us in making the areas around our schools safe for all by engaging in some of the following behavior:

- Be mindful of your speed
- Do not talk on or text with a cellular phone or engage in any other distracted driving behavior
- Be patient; feeling frustrated or rushed can lead to unsafe driving behavior

For any traffic related concerns, complaints, or other issues you may contact Traffic Officer George Tucker at (510) 420-3000 or at gtucker@piedmontpd.org.