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Ventura PD supports National Walk and Roll to School Day on October 12, 2022

Ventura, CA. – The Ventura Police Department encourages parents and students to join their classmates and walk, bike, or roll to class October 12, 2022.

“Walk and Roll to School Day” is celebrated annually to highlight the benefits of exercise and practice pedestrian and road safety with other students, families, and caregivers.

“Walking to school is a great way to exercise on a daily basis and feel comfortable getting to and from school safely,” said Sergeant Mark Knackstedt. “We hope this is a fun, rewarding experience for students that shows how important it is for everyone to be safe walking, biking or rolling.”

The Ventura Police Department offers tips for students who walk, bike, or roll to school:

- Plan your route on roads with sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk as far from cars as possible, facing traffic.
- Always use crosswalks when available. If there are unmarked crosswalks, cross at corners on streets with fewer lanes and lower speed limits. Ventura PD offers video about pedestrian safety in crosswalks on YouTube at www.Youtube.com/CityofVentura
- Always look left-right-left before crossing the street and continue to scan for traffic as you cross.
- Watch for cars entering and leaving driveways or parking spaces.
- Always wear a helmet when riding. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be aware of your surroundings. When walking, keep earbud or headphone volume low enough so you can still hear activity occurring around you.

Drivers should watch their speed in school zones and anticipate more foot and bike traffic the morning of October 12, as well as be prepared to stop for school buses and children crossing the street.

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