

# **PRESS RELEASE**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard Program is having School Zone Safety Awareness Operations October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be bringing awareness to our school zones by posting signs, adding extra police assistance, passing out informational brochures, informing the media, and holding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Insurance Safety Zone Program each day of the week at different locations throughout the county. We are striving to get our school zones to be a safer place for all who use those including Students, Parents, Crossing Guards, and Motorist. Each day of the week has a specific theme detailed below. Please call 407-665-6612 for school locations and times.

#### Monday...

Make sure to use the sidewalks provided. Pedestrians shall not walk in the roadway if sidewalks are provided-F.S.S. 316.130.

### Tuesday...

School Crossing Guards are employees of the Sheriff's Office and are certified through Florida Department of Transportation. All school crossing guards must be recertified on a 14 month basis to continue working as a guard.

## Wednesday...

It is law for all riders age 16 and under to wear a bicycle helmet. Make sure it fits properly, is fastened and meets a nationally recognized standard per F.S.S. 316.2065(3)(d,e)

# Thursday...

Children are bullied every day. Although there are both boy and girl bullies, 60% of male bullies will be arrested by the age of twenty-four. Tell a parent or teacher or a school resource officer if you know if someone is being bullied. Call the... SPEAK OUT HOTLINE 1-800-226-7733.

# Friday...

The average time it takes a School Crossing Guard to cross a student is approximately 30 seconds. Let's give them that time to keep all our students in Seminole County safe.

