St. Petersburg Police Remind Drivers That Schools are Back in Session

On Monday, August 24th St. Petersburg Police will be participating in the Annual Back to School Campaign to remind drivers to take extra precautions in and around school zones. Officers will be engaged in high visibility patrol, with emergency lights activated, to reacquaint drivers to the presence of children and the activation of school zones across the City.

Police Chief Anthony Holloway will begin the morning at 7:00 a.m. at Shore Acres Elementary School located at 1800 62 Avenue N.E. and then at 8:00 a.m. move to Melrose Elementary, 1752 13 Avenue South, where he will join Mayor Rick Kriseman and Fire Chief James Large.

St. Petersburg Police remind drivers;

• That all passengers should wear a seat belt and/or be in an age and size appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.
• Do not text while driving.
• Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
• Be alert for school zones that have a reduced speed limit at designated times of the day.
• Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop.
• Keep an eye out for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
• Be alert for children playing and gathering near bus stops and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
• When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
• When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to or away from school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.