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Traffic Enforcement Operations Plan for City of Orland

Orland Public Schools start next Monday, August 17, 2015. The Orland Police Department will step up Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement the week of August 24th through August 28th with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The focus will be on violations by motorists that affect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists as well as safety violations by pedestrians and bicyclists. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks or any other dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right-of-way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists. All riders are reminded to wear a helmet; those 18 years of age must wear a helmet by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at the intersections.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. In 2012, California witnessed 612 pedestrian and 124 bicyclists killed that year while nationally 4,743 pedestrians and 726 bicyclists were killed.

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