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## NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Nampa Police increasing patrols in school zones to watch for crosswalk violations**

The Nampa Police Department will have officers focus extra attention on crosswalk violations in school zones. Reports of near misses from crossing guards have prompted this extra attention by Nampa officers.

“Crossing guards advised me that students and themselves have almost been hit by motorists during the before and after school times of the day,” Sgt. Jason Cantrell said. “It is a priority for the Nampa Police Department to ensure the safety of children walking to and from school.”

Cantrell, supervisor of school resource officers, said he plans to have Nampa officers spend more time monitoring the crosswalks around the schools during the times students are walking to and from school.

The Nampa Police Department asks drivers to pay particular attention when driving through school zones.

The Nampa Police Department offers the following tips for drivers and pedestrians:

##### Tips for Drivers:

- Watch for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Pedestrians are often not walking where they should be.
- Be especially vigilant for pedestrians in hard-to-see conditions, such as night-time or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, and stop far enough back so other vehicles may see and stop for pedestrians crossing, too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They are stopped to allow pedestrians to cross the street.
- Never drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around pedestrians.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians at intersections which are considered “unmarked crosswalks”

##### Tips for pedestrians:

- Be visible, wear reflective clothing
- Don't assume drivers will stop for you
- Look before crossing
- Use crosswalks or cross at intersections

For further information please contact Sgt. Jason Cantrell at 761-9182 or Sgt. Tim Riha at 250-4068.