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MEDIA ADVISORY

OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE

During the school week of January 22-26, 2007, the California Highway Patrol, the San Jose Police Department and all law enforcement agencies in Santa Clara County will be participating in a countywide, school safety program known as "OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE."

The purpose of this operation is to alert and educate the community that traffic safety and the rules of the road **DO** apply and will be **strictly** enforced. The most important point of this project is to develop a safe and long lasting attitude among the communities near school zones. Enforcement efforts will focus on:

1. Parents transporting their children;
2. Commuters; and
3. Children walking and riding their bicycles to school.

Each day during this enforcement week the San Jose Police Department will partner with allied agencies throughout the county to saturate school zones within each agency's jurisdiction. Several teams of officers from each agency will be deployed to different regions of the county to enforce traffic laws for the purpose of education and enforcement. The enforcement teams will concentrate on the following hazardous violations near school zones:

1. Failing to stop for school buses displaying flashing red stop lights;
2. Speeding vehicles;
3. Failing to yield to pedestrians;
4. Jaywalking;
5. Bicyclists failing to wear a safety helmet;
6. Child restraint and seat belt violations; and
7. Other collision-causing violations such as running stop signs, etc.

In addition to these enforcement efforts we will deploy several radar trailers to schools in San José. These will be moved to different schools each day and will display a motorist's speed, as well as the speed limit in that area. It is hoped that they will encourage motorists to slow down in school zones. Parking control officers will also take part in the enforcement efforts.

All members of the media are welcome. A schedule of the locations of our enforcement efforts will be attached to this announcement. (Traffic teams 1 thru 4 are day shift teams. Their enforcement efforts will be from 7:00AM until 9:00AM at their schools. Teams 5 and 6 are swing shift teams and will conduct their enforcement efforts from 1:00PM until 3:00PM at their schools.) Inquiries may be directed to Sgt. Jeff Marozick of the San José Police Department, Traffic Enforcement Unit, at (408) 277-4341.

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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO