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MEDIA ADVISORY

OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE

During the school week of April 23-27, 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."

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.

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:

Failing to stop for school buses displaying flashing red stop lights;

Speeding vehicles;

Failing to yield to pedestrians;

Jaywalking;

Bicyclists failing to wear a safety helmet;

Child restraint and seat belt violations;

and other collision-causing violations such as running stop signs.

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.

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