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PARMA MAYOR STRESSES DRIVER SAFETY AT THE START OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero is reminding area motorists to be extra cautious and alert while driving in traffic now that local schools are back in session.

“There is no need for speed whenever you’re behind the wheel of a car,” said Mayor DePiero. “That is really important to remember now that school buses are back on the road as well as students crossing the street while walking to and from their schools.”

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, there is an average of 10 crashes involving school buses in the state of Ohio on a daily basis. Research shows there were a total of 1,865 crashes involving school buses last year. During the '09-'10 school year, bus-related crashes led to 760 injuries and three fatalities.

- There are twenty school zones within the City of Parma that are photo enforced for speed.
- The city has two cameras that are randomly deployed at different locations during the course of a day to enforce the 20 mile an hour school zone speed limit.
- Motorists should remember that some school zones are only active during opening and closing hours, but many zones are also active during lunch and recess hours when children are, or may be, on the premises.
- Prior to the start of school, the city’s traffic light technician does a systems check and inspection to make sure all the signage is up-to-date and properly working.

“I agree with our safety experts nationwide that drivers need to remember their ABC’s – Always Be Cautious during the school year,” said Mayor DePiero. “It’s important for all of us to slow down, pay attention to street signs and always be aware of our surroundings.”

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