

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

West County Patrol Services



MEMORANDUM



Dear Parents and Students:

I understand dropping off or picking up students at Rio Mesa High School can be a challenging task. I know the traffic congestion can get frustrating and will often lead to trying to save time by committing a traffic violation. During the last few school years we had several traffic incidents on Central Avenue. Fortunately, none resulted in any serious injury.

Due to the large volume of traffic during the mornings and afternoons, the elements for a serious traffic incident are present. I would like to remind you, if you are traveling Westbound on Central Avenue (towards Vineyard) PLEASE DO NOT make a U-Turn from the right shoulder. There are two violations that are being committed when making the U-Turn. First, making a turning movement from an improper position. Second, there are two sets of double yellow lines; it is a violation to cross over two sets of double yellow lines.

If you are traveling North on Rose Avenue (towards Los Angeles Avenue) and you notice several cars in the left turn pocket to turn towards the school, PLEASE DO NOT make the U-Turn on Rose Avenue. There are two sets of double yellow lines prohibiting any turning movement. Please do not fall into the trap of "if everyone else is doing it, it must be ok." The fines for these violations start at \$260.00. In addition, there are no parking signs on both sides of Central Avenue, which indicate no parking Monday through Friday 7am to 5pm.

Please remember to allow yourself plenty of time and expect to experience some traffic delays. Please have a happy and safe summer!

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