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Nature of Incident: Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
Location: Camarillo, CA
Date & Time: August 16, 2022
Unit(s) Responsible: Camarillo Police Department Traffic Bureau

Narrative:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

In recent months, the Camarillo Police Department has noticed a significant increase of traffic collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians. With school returning this week, the Camarillo Police Department needs the public's help to reduce the number of collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians and keep our kids safe on their way to and from school.

The Camarillo Police Department takes the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists seriously and will look for violations made by bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians that makes travel unsafe, including conducting a grant-funded bicycle and pedestrian safety operation in September.

The Camarillo Police Department will be extra vigilant looking for violations that include drivers speeding, making illegal turning movements and failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. We will also be looking for bicycles failing to yield to vehicles, failing to stop for signs and signals or any other traffic violation by bicycle riders, pedestrians and vehicles.

To keep you and your family safe, the Camarillo Police Department offers the following tips:

PARENTS

- Teach your kids not to assume a vehicle will stop when they enter the roadway. Make eye contact with the driver and/or wait for the vehicle to stop.
- Tell your kids not to look at their cell phone while walking across the street and/or riding their bikes.
- Make sure your kids have their helmet properly secured on their head prior to leaving.
- Tell your kids to continuously look for vehicles while crossing the street.

- Tell your kids to use the crosswalk if there is one and follow crossing guards' instructions when they are present.

PEDESTRIANS

- Only cross at marked crosswalks or intersections, preferably with a stop sign or signal.
- Look for cars backing up. Avoid entering the street between parked cars.
- Make eye contact with drivers. Don't assume they see you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and use a flashlight at night.
- Pedestrians may not walk/run in bicycles lanes when sidewalks are available.

DRIVERS

- Wait for pedestrians to fully proceed through a crosswalk before entering the crosswalk. Be courteous and patient.
- Stay off the phone.
- Follow the speed limit.
- Look for pedestrians when backing up or turning.
- Wait for the crossing guard to be completely out of the roadway before proceeding through an intersection.

BICYCLISTS

- Always wear a helmet. They are required by law for anyone under 18.
- Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow moving vehicle.
- Bicyclists should ride in marked bicycle lanes, when available, leaving sidewalks for pedestrians. If riding on the sidewalk, stop and look before entering the roadway
- Do not use a cell phone while riding the bicycle
- Make sure the bicycle is in good working order prior to riding by checking the brakes and tires

The Camarillo Police Department's goal is to reduce the number of pedestrian and bicycle accidents through education and enforcement. If you have any questions, please call the Camarillo Traffic Bureau at (805) 388-5146.

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