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School Bus Safety Reminder

The Powell Police Department, in an ongoing effort to protect your children as they go to school each day, would like to remind you and any teenage drivers in your home of what drivers are required to do around school buses:

- Pay attention when you see the bus activate flashing yellow lights and begin to slow your vehicle down to make sure you are able to stop once the bus activates the flashing red lights. Watch for children who may be running out into the street to board the bus.
- Once the bus activates red flashing lights and/or the stop sign arm, you are **NOT** allowed to pass the bus until the bus begins moving again and the red lights/stop arm have been deactivated.

On all 2-lane roads:

- When approaching a stopped school bus that is picking up or dropping off children, you **must stop** 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and not proceed until the bus resumes motion. This is true whether the bus is in your lane or the opposite lane.
- This law applies whether or not the 2-lane road is divided with a median.

On all 4 lane roads:

- If the highway has four or more lanes, you are **STILL** required to stop for the school bus (10 feet from the front or rear) **if** you are travelling the same direction as the bus. If you are approaching the stopped bus from the opposite direction, you are not required to stop.
 - Example: On Sawmill Parkway, if you are travelling northbound and there is a stopped school bus in the right lane, you **CANNOT** pass the school bus in the left lane. However, if you are travelling southbound on Sawmill Parkway, you do not have to stop for a bus stopped in any of the northbound lanes. This same law would apply if Sawmill Parkway had no median and was simply divided by lane striping.

Please take the time to review this information and share it with your teenage drivers. Our agency has seen an increase in the number of reported school bus violations and is working with the school district to increase school bus safety awareness.

