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Passing School Busses Is Against the Law

As the first week of school at Sweetwater County School District #1 comes to a close this afternoon, Chief of Police Dwane Pacheco and the Rock Springs Police Department want to remind citizens that passing a school bus with flashing red lights is not only unsafe, but it is also against the law.

Earlier this week, we reminded citizens that school was now in session and that RSPD would be conducting extra enforcement near schools to ensure safety of all those traveling to and from school.

Since Monday morning, RSPD has had officers at schools around town during the beginning and the end of school days. Subsequently, officers have issued multiple citations during the week for passing a school bus while unloading and loading children with flashing red lights.

Between the Aug. 22 and the morning of Aug. 26, there have been 8 citations issued to individuals that have passed school busses. It is important to remember that passing a school bus not only endangers children but also carries a large fine of \$410.

In addition, we have issued one citation for failing to yield to a pedestrian on a crosswalk. Chief Dwane Pacheco stated, "No one was injured in any of these instances, but drivers may not be so lucky in the future." He added, "Please, slow down and obey the flashing red lights and the crossing guards."