

## Traffic Tip of the Month September 2018



We have made it through the beginning of the school year. We still are suffering from some serious driving errors and really need the public's help.

When a motorist sees a school bus stopped along a street, regardless if it is in a school zone or neighborhood, pay attention to see if the "stop arm" or "stop sign" has been extended. A good number of children are picked up in neighborhoods, and many have special needs. State statues require motorists traveling in "both" directions to stop when a bus has the arm extended. This is not about issuing citations

but really trying to keep children safe. Please be very careful and attentive to this situation. We have this issue in several places in town.

Regardless, we always need to pay close attention in all the school zones. At the start and end of the school days, many students are walking or riding bikes going to or leaving schools. There are Safety Patrol students near the schools and these young people do a great job. People are not always yielding to students trying to cross, even with the lights. This can be an issue in every school area we have and again, we need the motoring public's help. To avoid a tragedy, slow down, yield to pedestrian traffic and allow them to cross when it can be done safely. If these were your children, you would want someone to care enough to do the same.



**Regardless of where you travel in our community,  
watch out for pedestrian traffic and help everyone  
stay safe.**