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Dear Residents,

With the start of the new school year soon approaching us, I would like to address an issue that needs special attention; School Safety. Precaution should be used when approaching school bus stops and children as they enter/exit a school bus. Drivers need to be aware and extra cautious during this time of year especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours when school buses are more prevalent on the Borough roadways.

Pennsylvania State Vehicle Code Section 3345 (a) entitled “Meeting or Overtaking School Bus” addresses the duties of a driver of a vehicle as follows:

The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or trafficway shall stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights are flashing and side stop signal arms are activated. The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children who may have alighted from the school bus have reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated.

PENALTY: A person who violates this section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of \$250.00 plus costs.

Note: The only exception from stopping requirements occurs when there are two separate roadways involved. This means the roadways must be divided by a physical barrier i.e. jersey barrier or guide rail. In the Borough of Bridgeville there are no roadways divided by a physical barrier, therefore, any time a driver encounters a school bus with it’s warning devices actuated the driver must stop.

During the past school year the Bridgeville Police Department issued 20 citations for meeting or overtaking a school bus. In my opinion that’s 20 citations too many. I am hoping that by educating the public on this issue, this number can greatly be reduced.

Sincerely,

Chief Chad King
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