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OC Sheriff's Department Supports National Walk to School Day Oct. 6

SANTA ANA, Ca. (October 6, 2021): The Orange County Sheriff's Department encourages parents and students to join school-goers from around the country and make the trek to class on foot Oct. 6.

"Walk to School Day" is celebrated annually to highlight the benefits of exercise and practice pedestrian and road safety with classmates, families, and caregivers.

"Walking to school is a great way to not only stay active, but also practice safe walking behaviors," Sergeant Brent Jasper said. "With many students returning to in-person instruction this year, 'Walk to School Day' is a valuable learning tool that benefits students at the start of the school year."

The Orange County Sheriff's Department offers the following tips for children to incorporate into their walks:

- Be predictable. Use crosswalks.
- Walk on sidewalks, when available.
- Always look left-right-left before crossing the street. Make sure the driver sees you. Continue to scan for traffic as you cross the street.
- Do not walk or run into the path of a vehicle.
- Watch for cars entering/backing out of driveways or leaving parking spaces.

Drivers should be alert for more people walking to school the morning of Oct. 6 and be prepared to stop for children crossing the street. Drivers should always watch their speed and slowdown in school zones.

Schools are encouraged to register at walkbiketoschool.org as a way of tracking participation and showing support for active, healthy, and safe transportation.

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