

# Onondaga County **Traffic Safety** *Advisory Board*

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## **SCHOOLS OPEN SAFELY 2022**

With the school year fast approaching local law enforcement officials will be promoting Schools Open Safely beginning on September 7, 2022, in an effort to get children to and from school as safely as possible. Onondaga County Sheriff Gene Conway along with other law enforcement and school officials will speak at a press conference scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at the Solway Union Free School District's Transportation Office, 399 Beach Road, Syracuse NY at 10:00 a.m. The Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board in conjunction with law enforcement departments across the county are emphasizing the necessity for the motoring public "to be on the alert". Motorists need to STOP for the flashing red lights of stopped school buses -- even on divided and multi-lane highways. Drivers need to watch out for children walking or riding their bicycles to school. Motorists have had a few months without school speed zones being in effect and now they must slowdown in school zones in addition to being very alert. Remember, school speed zones are in effect from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on the day's school is in session.

Obeying the traffic laws concerning school zones, stopped school buses, school crossing guards and pedestrian crossings is critical. Motorists also need to be aware that Centro buses transport students to school. Law enforcement officers will be patrolling school zones throughout the city and county ticketing those that pass the flashing red lights, speed through school zones, or neglect to follow the orders of the crossing guards.

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