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Subject: National School Bus Safety Week is October 19-23

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

This National School Bus Safety Week, the Chula Vista Police Department reminds drivers that when a school bus stop-arm is out and the red lights are flashing, drivers must come to a complete stop until the red lights are off, and children are on or off the bus and safely out of the road.

“With few exceptions, California law requires drivers to stop in both directions when a school bus has flashing red lights on,” Chula Vista Police Department Officer Oscar Miranda said. “Children walking are depending on every driver to follow the law and protect them.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), from 2000–2024, 63 people were killed in crashes involving a driver illegally passing a school bus with flashing red lights. Among those killed, 27 were people 18 years old or younger.

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