

BACK TO SCHOOL



## Back to School Toolbox Talk

Children, teens, and young adults are heading back to school this week. Some will be riding the school bus for the first time. Some of the buses will have rookie drivers. Many students will be driving themselves. Others yet will be traveling via foot or bicycle.

Statistically speaking, driving to and from work is the most dangerous activity you will partake in today. Now, 76.8 million students are going back to school. That's just shy of ¼ of the entire US Population. Get ready to share the road...

Please take into consideration these driving tips:

### Distracted Driving

- In 2019, over 3,100 people were killed and 424,000 were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver.
- Cell Phone use (texting, email, Facebook, videos, etc, etc, etc)
- Eating, grooming, reading, reaching for something, changing radio station, adjusting navigation.....

### Understand School Bus Signs

- Flashing Red Lights & Stop Sign Extended = You must Stop
- Flashing Yellow Lights = Bus is preparing to stop
- Remember signals must be observed in both lanes of traffic.

Watch for pedestrians and students waiting for bus.

- Slow down in low light & when the sunrise blinds you.

### Leave Early

- Your bound to catch up with one of these students/buses.

Be aware of School Zones.

Be prepared to Encounter Student Drivers.

How many times have you heard?

"Why do you work safely, who is waiting for you at home?"

Let's make sure our young ones make it home to us!!!

Share comments, pictures, stories of those you are going to drive safe for today!