



# Press Release

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## KPD Officers step up presence in School Zones

**Kilgore, TX --** With school starting next week, the Kilgore Police Department will be stepping up their presence in designated school zones around all Kilgore Independent School District campuses. The police department will have extra officers working at various designated school zones before and after school for the first few weeks.

While all drivers have a responsibility of adjusting their driving habits during school hours, parents of school children have a responsibility as well in keeping kids safe. Please pay attention to your speed and watch for children at cross walks. Also be mindful of school busses loading and off loading children. Give yourself extra time if you are taking children to school and buckle everyone up. Traffic is always congested at the beginning of a new school year so plan accordingly. Be patient with other drivers. As a reminder, it is now illegal to use a cellular telephone while driving through a school zone unless it is "hands free." It is also important to drop and pick up children within areas designated by the school district.

Chandler Street is still under construction which affects Chandler Elementary, Kilgore Intermediate and Maude Laird Middle School campuses. Chandler Street will be one way only Northbound from the Woodlawn intersection to the Dudley Road Intersection. You will not be able to turn onto Chandler Street from Dudley Road. There is no left turn onto Chandler Street from Kathleen Street traveling Westbound. Kathleen Street will also be one way only Eastbound from Dwain to Chandler Street. It is strongly recommended everyone refer to the KISD website [http://www.kisd.org/news\\_events.htm](http://www.kisd.org/news_events.htm) which contains a map giving the best access points for each campus and specific directions for traffic flow.

It comes down to the safety of our children. Let's all work together to make this start of a new school year a safe one.