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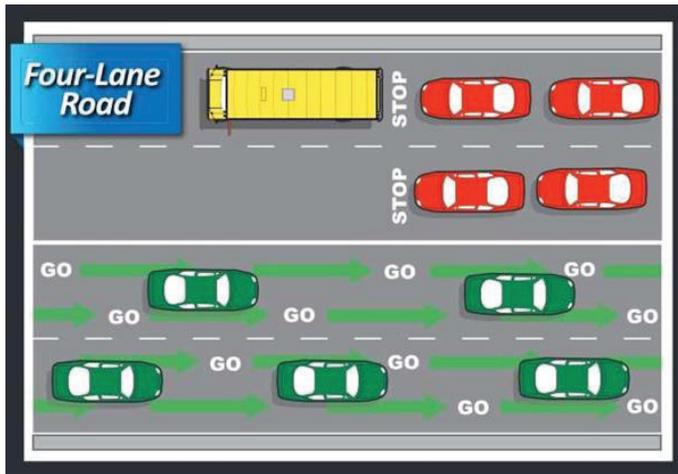


Well, now that summer vacation has “eclipsed” itself out of our lives with the sound of school bells, the flashing lights of school buses, and heavier morning and afternoon traffic, let’s not become complacent in our vigilance toward crime prevention. It is more important than ever to keep a watchful eye on our neighborhood streets, which includes **slowing down** through school zones, and stop for school buses.

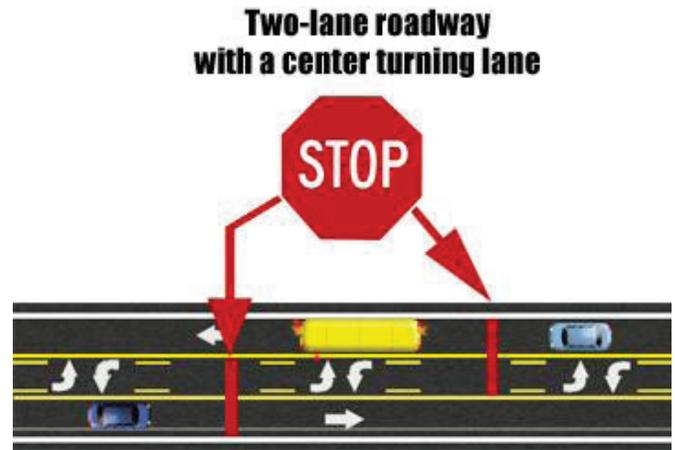
Per statute in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, **it is illegal to pass a school bus** when it is stopped and loading or off-loading passengers. The only exception to this is when on a four lane highway, only the traffic going the same direction as the bus are required to stop. The opposing traffic on a four lane highway is not required to stop. Here is the statute:

{189.370 Passing stopped school or church bus prohibited -- Application to properly marked vehicles -- Rebuttable presumption as to identity of violator.

(1) If any school or church bus used in the transportation of children is stopped upon a highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, with the stop arm and signal lights activated, the operator of a vehicle approaching from any direction shall bring his vehicle to a stop and shall not proceed until the bus has completed receiving or discharging passengers and has been put into motion. **The stop requirement provided for in this section shall not apply to vehicles approaching a stopped bus from the opposite direction upon a highway of four (4) or more lanes....}**



Four lane highway.



If you are on a two lane highway, even if it has a center turn lane, all must stop for the bus!

*If you are confused please consult the police department.
Let's keep each other safe!*

Scammers and Scoundrels

Just when you thought the scams could not get worse, you receive a text on your smart phone, and low and behold it is a daunting message about owing money to the IRS, or about your credit. Text scams have become more popular as more and more people become savvy to the robo-calls they are receiving.

For example, you get an unexpected text message informing you that your email account has been hacked into and deactivated, and it is supposedly "for your protection." The message instructs you to text back a response in order to reactivate your account. You might see something like this: *"User #12345: Your Gmail profile has been compromised. Text back SENDNOW in order to reactivate your account."*

If you respond as instructed it will allow the installation of malware that will covertly collect personal information from your phone. Aaarrggg!!! Many times this information that is pirated from your phone is then sold to marketers or identity thieves. You could also see unwanted charges on your cell phone bill.

NEVER reply to these messages! You should never be asked to verify sensitive information through unsecure channels.

NEVER click on links embedded in messages. You will infect your device with malware.

DELETE the message from your phone immediately.

REPORT the message to your phone service provider's scam text reporting number.

And, **FILE** a complaint with the FTC online (Federal Trade Commission)

Crime Trends this Month

10000 block Falling Tree Way	Attempted thefts from unlocked vehicles
3600 block St. Edward Drive	Possible attempted break-in to residence through window AC
9600 block Southern Breeze Lane	Attempted thefts from unlocked vehicles
8900 Threpio Court	Attempted thefts from unlocked vehicles
Loch Lea Lane	Attempted thefts from unlocked vehicles
4300 block Cara Way	Thefts from garage and yard
9600 Old Six Mile Lane	Theft from garage
Lethborough Drive & Steeplechase Drive	Reports of speeders
10100 block Grand Avenue	Thefts from vehicles
2300 block Stony Brook Drive	Thefts from storage pods

Emergency call 911

To report a crime call (502) 267-0503

Any questions concerning Block Watch programs, contact Community Resource Officer Felicia Burba at the Jeffersontown Police Department (502) 267-0505

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