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Press Release

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SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS HONORED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

The Vacaville Police Department honored 33 school crossing guards for outstanding performance during the 2012-13 school year during a training refresher and awards ceremony held August 13, 2013.

Chief Richard Word presented Mildred Johnson the Crossing Guard Guard of the Year 2013. Mildred has crossed school children at Alamo Elementary over the past five years. She has the ability to be in control of the busy cross walk while maintaining great public relations. Mildred loves her job and has gotten to know many of the students and greets them each morning by name. The school staff speaks very highly of Mildred and for her faithful service to the community. She was named Volunteer of the Year in 2013.

Receiving excellent performance awards were Penny Ramey (Cambridge), Gail Olson (Alamo), Robert Murray (Callison), Neil Blow (Cooper), Bonnie Pointer (Orchard), Janis Dmytriw (Hemlock), Mildred Johnson (Alamo), and Marcos Martinez (Padan).

Five-year service pins were awarded to Dennis Corcoran (Foxboro), Mildred Johnson (Alamo), Gail Olson (Alamo), Paul Phillips (Fairmont) and Richard Record (Hemlock). A 10-year pin was awarded Johanna Wigley (Relief Guard).

With school now in session, the Vacaville Police Department would like to offer these traffic etiquette reminders to those driving or walking to, from and near schools:

DRIVERS: Stop for the stop sign and remain stopped until the Crossing Guard steps back onto the sidewalk. This allows for the safety of the Crossing Guard and pedestrians that the driver may not see.

- *Stop behind the crosswalk line to allow for pedestrian crossing.*
- *Do not inch forward until the Crossing Guard has exited the street.*

Remember that the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 2815 requires drivers to remain stopped until the Crossing Guard and children reach a point of safety (the sidewalk).

PEDESTRIANS: Wait on the sidewalk for the Crossing Guard to stop traffic and signal that it is safe to cross in the crosswalk. Remember they are there for your safety.

- *Crossing Guards use hand signals and a whistle; one toot is for the drivers to stop and two toots release pedestrians to cross.*
- *Crossing Guards are assigned to regulate traffic flow as well as cross pedestrians at safe opportunities, so it is important that everyone follow their direction.*
- *Don't teach your children to cross in the middle of the street. Teach by word and example to cross in the crosswalk with the Crossing Guard.*

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP (7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



Remember, the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 2815 requires you and your children to obey the Crossing Guard's direction.

Vacaville School Crossing Guards are assigned to twenty-nine intersections that include fourteen public schools. Remember to be alert, drive safely around school zones, and give yourself enough time to avoid being in a rush on the roadway.

For additional information about Vacaville Crossing Guards and job opportunities, please go to www.cityofvacaville.com under Departments/Police or call 707 449-5434.