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Press Release

Today's Date:	08/17/15
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Type of Crime/Incident:	School Crossing Guard Awards

CROSSING GUARDS HONORED; CROSSING GUARD OF THE YEAR NAMED

The Vacaville Police Department held its annual Crossing Guards Awards Ceremonies last week, presenting a variety of awards, including Crossing Guard of the Year.

Janis Dmytriw was named "Crossing Guard of the Year" Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the annual training meeting, which kicked off the new school year. Thirty-seven school crossing guards attended. Additional awards were given for years of service, excellent and perfect attendance, and commendable service.

Dmytriw was hired August 2004 and was assigned to Hemlock Elementary School at Eldridge and Hemlock for 10 years. This year she moved to Alamo Elementary School on South Orchard. Dmytriw is and always has been loved by students, parents, and school staff.

Other award recipients included:

- One Year Pins: George Lewis (Browns Valley), Robert Navarro (Jepson), Roy Mattice (Padan), Marilyn Butler (Cooper)
- Five Year Pins: Anne Carr (Vaca Pena), Heather Smith (Cambridge).
- Excellent Attendance: Patrick Connelly (Browns Valley), Gail Olson (Cooper), Bonnie Pointer (Orchard), Ahnjayla Thompson (Markham).
- Perfect Attendance: Josie Bravo (Callison), Robert Murray (Callison), Penny Ramey (Cambridge)
- Commendable Service: Bonnie Pointer (Orchard), Heather Smith (Cambridge), Tracy Howell (Relief Guard), Johanna Wigley (Relief Guard), Sherri Garabedian (Foxboro)

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Recruitment for Part-Time School Crossing Guards is ongoing. Information can be found at www.cityofvacaville.com/crossingguard or by calling (707) 449-5434.

Helpful Traffic Laws for Local Schools and Crossing Guard Etiquette

PEDESTRIANS: Wait on the sidewalk for the Crossing Guard to stop traffic and signal to you that it is safe to cross in the crosswalk. Remember, Crossing Guards 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.

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

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 or be aware of.

- 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 you to remain stopped until the Crossing Guard and children reach a point of safety (the sidewalk).

- U-Turns are only permissible in residential zones when no other vehicle is approaching from either direction within 200 feet. This space is hard to find in front of schools and not a safe choice where children often dart across the street between vehicles. California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22103

DROP OFF AND PICK-UP: Always pull over to the curb to drop off and pick up passengers.

- Loading zones can only be utilized when actively loading or unloading and they are subject to a parking citation when the driver is away from the vehicle. [10.20.020 (F) VMC Loading Zone]
- Traffic lanes should never be used for loading or unloading. Safe, courteous, and appropriate locations are the best choice. Impeding traffic movement is a citable offence California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22400(a)

Vacaville School Crossing Guards are assigned to 30 intersections that include public elementary and middle schools. Remember to be alert, keep windows clean for a clear view, drive safely around school zones, and give yourself enough time to avoid being in a rush on the roadway.

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