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Riverside Police Encourage Participation in International Walk to School Day

Riverside, California – On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, thousands of Riverside County students will hit the streets as part of International Walk to School Day, a global event where communities from over 40 countries walk and bike to school on a single day.

The event showcases the health benefits of walking or biking to school and highlights the need for communities to become more pedestrian-friendly. It reinforces traffic safety skills and reminds adults to be careful of youngsters as motorists drive through neighborhoods. It also kicks off a year-long effort at schools to create sustainable walking programs and reduce childhood obesity.

The Riverside Police Department is proud to partner with the County of Riverside Department of Public Health who is coordinating the events in Riverside County. Schools in both Riverside Unified and Alvord School Districts are participating. Police personnel will be greeting students as they arrive at school to encourage and reward participation.

As in past years, thousands of students and hundreds of parent and community-based volunteers will form “walking school buses” or groups of children, parents and volunteers walking together.

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