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LPPD reminds citizens to *Slow Down* for summer school



As most La Porte Independent School District (LPISD) students begin their summer vacations, many others will return to summer school programs. Starting June 5th, 2017 through July 27th, 2017 some LPISD campuses will open their doors to receive students.

School Zone signs with flashing beacons, indicate an active and enforceable School Zone.

La Porte City Ordinance Sec. 70-97. - School Zones.

(d) School Zone signs equipped with flashing beacons or lights in lieu of posted school zone hours, may be activated anytime school classes are in session, including but not limited to use for summer school hours and for use during early dismissals or other special school functions. A School Zone activated in this manner is enforceable under the terms of this ordinance notwithstanding the fact that it is outside of the school zone hours.

As a primary effort of ensuring community safety near district schools, La Porte patrol officers will increase their presence near LPISD campuses. In addition, during both the beginning and the end of each school day, La Porte Police Traffic Division members will focus their enforcement efforts primarily on the areas surrounding schools as well.

As an additional reminder, Texas State Law allows for La Porte's City ordinance prohibiting the use of electronic communication devices, such as cell phones, within School Zones. Fines for these violations can exceed \$300, while speeding violations within School Zones begin at \$200.

Overall, La Porte Police Department encourages drivers to consider allowing for extra travel time, and to be safe. These two techniques, along with extra attention to those on foot or riding bicycles, will undoubtedly go a long way in keeping the community safe. For more information on the department's traffic enforcement efforts, please call 281-842-3171.