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Visalia Police Department to Join in National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4th

Visalia, CA—The Visalia Unified School District will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Walk to School Day on October 4, in partnership with The Visalia Police Department sending a unified safety message to our community.

Students from the Visalia Unified School District will be walking and rolling to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. Look for walkers along all streets, especially near schools, in the early morning hours.

Members of the Visalia Police Department will be deploying traffic/patrol officers to the neighborhoods near schools to enforce traffic laws reminding everyone of the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety this day and every day represents.

Walk to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The events build connections between law enforcement, families, schools and the broader community.

For safety tips and additional information, visit these websites:

Office of Traffic Safety - www.ots.ca.gov/Media_and_Research/Campaigns/Ped_Safety/default.asp

Walk to School Day in the USA - www.walkbiketoschool.org

National Center for Safe Routes to School - www.saferoutesinfo.org

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