



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA ADVISORY

On August 13th, 2013, the Crystal Police Traffic Unit will be conducting targeted patrols at marked crosswalks throughout the city. This enforcement effort is in response to numerous citizen complaints of drivers not yielding to pedestrians trying to cross the street.

Crystal officers, with assistance from the Crystal Police Explorers, are going to be joined by officers from several nearby police departments as part of the Hennepin Country Traffic Enforcement Group, a multi-agency cooperative that enables cities to conduct large scale saturation projects on traffic safety issues.

All citizens are reminded that Minnesota state statute 169.21 requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in marked crosswalks or at intersections without marked crosswalks. Drivers failing to do so are committing a misdemeanor moving violation and will be subject to receiving a traffic ticket that currently carries a fine, including surcharges, of \$178.