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## Menifee Police Department Conducting Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Enforcement

Menifee, Calif. – Menifee Police Department will conduct a bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement operation July 24th, 2023 aimed at keeping people who need to go out to exercise or run essential errands safe.

The Menifee Police Department recognizes the need to protect the public by looking for violations made by bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians that make roads unsafe. Residents of our beautiful city love to get out of the house to ride bicycles and go on walks. We want to ensure they are safe when they do so thus, we are going to be on the lookout.

These violations include drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, failing to stop for signs and signals or any other traffic violation. Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped when riding on the wrong side of the road, not complying with stop signs and signals, or other violation of the same traffic laws that apply to them as drivers.

“Just because they are on bicycles and walking doesn’t mean traffic rules go out the window for them,” Chief Pat Walsh said. “To protect you and your family, we want to make sure those that are out are following rules intended to keep them safe.”

The safety of bicyclists and pedestrians remains a top priority for the Menifee Police Department. In 2022, the Menifee Police Department investigated 2 deadly and 24 injury collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians.

To keep you and your family safe, the Menifee Police Department offers the following tips when out biking, driving, or walking:

### PEDESTRIANS

- Only cross at marked crosswalks or intersections with a stop sign or signal.
- Look for cars backing up. Avoid going between parked cars.
- Make eye contact with drivers. Don’t assume they see you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and use a flashlight when walking at night.

**Pat A. Walsh**  
Chief of Police

