



Police Department

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TO: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT: BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM FOR 2005

Bicycle traffic injuries really start to escalate during the month of May in Milwaukee. The largest group of victims are children 10-14 years of age. Most of these crashes were caused by the incorrect driving behavior of the bicyclist, and could have been prevented if the bicyclist had followed the rules of the road.

This year, the Milwaukee Police Department Safety Division has developed a Bicycle Safety Program for grades K5 – 3rd, which includes a pamphlet titled “A Police Officer Talked To Us About Bike Safety,” for each student along with a teacher’s guide with appropriate questions and answers. For grades 4th - 8th, a bilingual pamphlet titled “Drive Your Bicycle Safely And Follow The Rules Of The Road.” The same rules of the road that apply to automobile drivers also apply to bicyclist. Developing safe driving habits and techniques for bicyclist will carry over to automobile driving.

We ask you to encourage your teachers to participate in the program so that we can continue to reduce the number of bicycle traffic injuries. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, contact Safety Specialist Sr. Delores Thomas at 935-7990.

Sincerely,

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