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Back-to-School Safety Tips

By Mayor John Peyton



As children begin another school year, we as concerned community members and parents should take this opportunity to remind ourselves and our kids of some important safety tips that will help keep them safe.

During the school year children traveling to and from school are out on the roads, without adult supervision. City of Jacksonville Victim Services Center staff suggest taking several precautions to help ensure kids' safety from would-be criminals and careless drivers.

Parents should teach children who walk to school that they need to stay alert in their surroundings and know their neighborhoods. Make sure your kids are aware of any locations that are Safe Places, as designated by the Youth Crisis Center, and the police and fire stations throughout their neighborhood.

Help your children learn the safest route to and from school and encourage them to only travel the route you have agreed upon. Using this route consistently will help your kids identify anything that is a break from the norm. And, if needed, you would know more precisely where to look for them, should an emergency occur. Review some scenarios with them to teach them what to do if approached at certain points along their route, and remind them of the closest neighbors or businesses that they could run to if they needed to seek help.

There's safety in numbers. Whenever possible, children should walk with others to and from school. Urge them to wait with others whenever they're waiting at a bus stop.

As responsible drivers, we want to remember to be very cautious in school zones and any residential areas where children may be walking or riding their bicycles. Children should be taught to walk on the sidewalk whenever possible, facing traffic, so they can see and avoid approaching cars. Above all, teach your children never to accept a ride from a stranger.

Older children may be "latchkey kids," children whose parents aren't home yet when they get home from school. Teach these kids to always have their keys ready when approaching their houses. The time it takes to search for a key could provide enough opportunity for someone to forcibly enter the home. Also, make sure your kids know never to allow a stranger inside when they are home alone.

These measures and others can help keep your children safe this school year. For additional information, contact the city's Victim Services Center at (904) 630-6300.

Stacy Replogle's murderer found guilty - again!

Re-trial of illegal alien ends with the same verdict

By Sherrie V. Clark

It was an ordinary evening like any other. Then at 8:55 p.m. on February 2, 2005, the intersection of Southside Boulevard and Deerwood Parkway became the location of what appeared to be just another ordinary vehicle accident when a Toyota pick-up slammed into the rear end of the car ahead.

What happened next was any-

thing but ordinary. When the driver who had been hit could finally exit her car, she saw that the truck behind her had been abandoned and left to impede traffic in the busy street. Police called to the scene subsequently towed the truck from the accident location, not knowing at the time that its driver had chased his passenger from the vehicle and viciously murdered her.



Stacy Replogle

At 11:25 a.m. the next morning a steam roller operator working on the service road by Southside Blvd. saw a body lying in a muddy

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September 11 – We Will NOT Forget!

By Shirley Shaw

Most of our eyes were glued to a TV screen that September Tuesday morning in 2001, watching in horror as terrorists killed thousands of people in New York City's Twin Towers, the Pentagon in Washington DC, and a plane that crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

Countless stories have arisen from the horrific events of the day that changed our country forever: last-minute calls from doomed office workers and passengers, radio communications between would-be rescuers and their fellow workers outside, numerous accounts of those who just missed certain death by being late to work.

Stories of heroism and self-sacrifice abound, making us proud of the first responders and military personnel who give their lives to protect us - every day. And there are stories like the following one making the rounds that illustrate the very best America has to offer:

In a memorial ceremony at NORTHCOM, LTC (CH) Robert Leivers relayed this little-known story from the Pentagon on 9/11:

"During a visit with a fellow chaplain, who happened to be assigned to the Pentagon, I had a chance to hear a first-hand account of an incident that happened

right after Flt 77 hit the Pentagon. The Chaplain told me what happened at a daycare center near where the impact occurred.

"This daycare had many children, including infants who were in heavy cribs. The daycare supervisor, looking at all the children they needed to evacuate, was in a panic over what they could do; there were many children, mostly toddlers, as well as the infants that would need to be taken out with the cribs. There was no time to try to bundle them into carriers and strollers.

"Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked what they needed. After hearing what the center director was trying to do, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The director thought, 'Well, there we are - on our own.' About two minutes later, that Marine returned with 40 others in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a child, and the rest started gathering up toddlers. The director and her staff then helped them take all the children out of the center and down toward the park near the Potomac and the Pentagon.

"Once they got about 3/4 of a mile outside the building, the Marines stopped in the park, and then did a fabulous thing - they formed a circle with the cribs,

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