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Pedestrian and Right of Way Traffic Violations

In an on going effort to create a safe environment for the pedestrians and motorist within the city of Redding, the Redding Police Department will be increasing education and enforcement in the areas recognized as having a high volume of pedestrian traffic. Some of the target areas would include Court Street, California Street, Market Street and many of the school zones.

To achieve both education and enforcement, the Redding Police Department will deploy police officers at the noted locations throughout the upcoming weeks. **The emphasis will be on right of way violations for both the pedestrians and vehicles.** All other violations that are observed will be appropriately enforced.

California Vehicle Code Sections- violations dealing with vehicles and pedestrians:

21950(a) CVC- Right-of-Way at Crosswalks

States that the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

21950(b) CVC- Right-of-Way at Crosswalks

States that the above section does not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of using due care for his/her safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. No pedestrian may unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in a crosswalk.

21951 CVC- Vehicles Stopped for Pedestrians

States whenever any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross. The driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

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21954 (a) CVC- Pedestrians Outside Crosswalks

States every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway that constitute an immediate hazard.

These vehicle code sections shall not relieve the driver of a vehicle, or the pedestrian from exercising due care and safety upon the roadway.

The Redding Police Department would like to remind all drivers to obey the rules of the road and drive safely.

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