

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## Sheriff's Office Participates in Operation Safe Stop

**Onondaga County, New York-** The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that the agency will be assigning extra traffic safety patrols on May 3<sup>rd</sup> during Operation Safe Stop; a state-wide initiative that promotes school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts.

Operation Safe Stop seeks to promote school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts. The operation is a cooperative project supported by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, Central New York Association for Pupil Transportation, Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board and National Safety Council Central & Western New York Chapter.



Sheriff's Deputies along with other law enforcement agencies from across the state will utilize marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to follow school buses in heavy traffic areas to look for motorists who pass stopped school buses in violation of NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1174. The fine is \$250-\$1,000 and up to 30-180 days imprisonment depending upon number of previous convictions for passing a stopped school bus.

Sheriff's Deputies would like to remind motorists that the yellow flashing lights on the bus means the bus is going to stop and motorists must SLOW DOWN. The flashing red lights mean students are getting on or off the bus and motorists must STOP. The goal of Operation Safe Stop is to proactively educate motorists about the dangers of passing stopped school buses.

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