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DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO MAKE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY A PRIORITY

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The department has recently received a number of citizen concerns regarding pedestrian safety on 11th St., particularly in the area of the Willow Tree Plaza. The concerns are related to vehicles traveling at speeds unsafe for conditions and drivers failing to stop for pedestrians within crosswalks.

On September 19th the department conducted a pedestrian crosswalk safety enforcement operation, using a police employee as a pedestrian. During the course of the three hour operation, officers stopped 12 vehicles and issued 7 citations to drivers who failed to yield to pedestrians.

Sometime over the next three days, the department will again conduct a crosswalk safety enforcement operation somewhere in Lakeport.

Over the past two years the Lakeport Police Department, the City of Lakeport and the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee have worked to increase pedestrian safety, reduce accidents and educate drivers. As part of these efforts, pedestrian safety enforcement operations have been conducted and pedestrian safety signs have been installed in other areas of the city.

**Kevin Burke
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