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## **Cleveland Police Seeks Residents to Serve as School Crossing Guards**

*Residents Urged to Use Extra Caution in School Zones*

**CLEVELAND** – The Cleveland Division of Police is accepting applications for school crossing guards – by referral from a member of Cleveland City Council or by contacting Cleveland Police directly.

“Crossing guards serve an important function in our community by keeping its most valued asset safe – our children,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “Adults looking to give back to the community or who enjoy working with children are encouraged to apply.”

Duties include helping children safely cross streets to get to their public, parochial and charter schools for about an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. Generally, hours are from 7-8 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. on school days. Compensation is \$20.50/day and employees are eligible for health care through the City of Cleveland. There are about 40 crossing guard positions available of more than 400 around the city.

Interested applicants are encouraged to get a referral from their councilperson’s office. [Click here to locate and contact your councilperson.](#) Or applicants may directly contact the Division of Police at 216-623-5577.

Some of the employment requirements include:

- A high school diploma or GED
- Completed criminal background check
- Successfully completed drug test

Once an applicant is hired, there is a required orientation and training session that must be completed.

### **Back-to-School Safety Tips**

Now that school is back in session for most Cleveland students, the Division of Police reminds students, caregivers and motorists of these traffic safety tips:

- Drivers should use extra caution in school zones. Follow the instructions of crossing guards. Observe posted speed limits and signage, especially at crosswalks and no turn on red signage during school hours.

- Drivers should also be careful for school buses loading and unloading children. When the school bus stop arm is raised, do not pass. Motorists should come to a stop so that children may pass safely.
- Parents should drop off children and pick them up close to school.
- Urge children not to talk to strangers as they walk to and from school.
- Parents are encouraged to talk to their kids about traffic safety, including obeying crossing guards and crossing only at crosswalks.
- Help children learn their phone number and address in the event they become lost.

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