



18 East 22nd St.  
Kearney, NE 68848-1180  
(308) 233-3214  
www.cityofkearney.org

# **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

Issued Date: April 4, 2016

Point of Contact: Captain Mike Kirkwood, Kearney Police Department, 308-233-5266

## **School Bus Stop Arm – Special Enforcement**

The Kearney Police Department will once again be conducting a school bus stop arm special enforcement throughout the City of Kearney. Over the last year, the Police Department has received several complaints from citizens regarding motorists passing school buses that are stopped with the stop arm extended. This practice is dangerous and illegal. Officers will be issuing citations to motorists that choose to disregard the stop arm on school buses.

This selective enforcement will be conducted on school days from Monday, April 11, 2016 through Friday, April 15, 2016. Officers will be watching for drivers who violate the Nebraska State Law 60-6,175 regarding school bus; safety requirements; use of stop signal arm; and use of warning signal lights.

The ultimate goal of this project is to educate motorists and ensure the safety of the children in this community. Key points motorists need to know about laws regarding the passing of school buses include:

- Any motorist, upon meeting or overtaking, from front or rear, a stopped school bus that has the stop signal arm extended and flashing red lights, must come to a stop until the stop signal sign is retracted.
- Any motorist, upon meeting or overtaking, from the front or rear, a school bus that has yellow warning signal lights flashing, must slow down to 25mph (20mph if the bus is in a school zone) if passing.
- Exceptions are if the school bus is stopped on a divided highway. A divided highway is defined as a road with a median strip between the traffic in opposite directions and typically two or more lanes in each direction. Private roads and parking lots are also exempt from the law, to include parking lots at the schools. East and west 39th Street and 11th Street are not exceptions.
- A violation of this law is a class IV Misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine.

Additional information and examples will be posted on the Kearney Police Department Facebook site. We appreciate your help with keeping our children safe.

**Check out our web site at [www.cityofkearney.org](http://www.cityofkearney.org).**

*We are sending this News Release as a service to the news media and citizens of Kearney.*

pc: City Council  
Kearney Hub  
KGFW  
KARNY  
KKPR

KHAS  
KHGI TV #13  
KHAS TV #5  
KOLN/KGIN TV #11  
City Department Heads