

New Safe Routes to School On-Line Resource for Law Enforcement Officers: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has just announced the launch of a new web based resource for law enforcement officers, *Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement*. The announcement said, in part:

The participation of law enforcement agencies in SRTS is critical. First, law enforcement professionals command the attention of the public and audiences in a unique way. Secondly, involvement of law enforcement enhances engineering and education efforts to provide a more comprehensive SRTS program and a greater likelihood of ensuring safe behaviors among pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

The Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement resource is designed to aid officers and law enforcement agencies in their local SRTS efforts. The resource includes a wide variety of tools such as:

- *Tips for law enforcement officers on walking and bicycling safety;*
- *Take away materials for students, parents, school staff, and others;*
- *Talking points on bicycle and pedestrian safety;*
- *Tips on addressing parental concerns;*
- *Links to related sites for resource materials; and*
- *Activities for children.*

Involvement and participation by law enforcement agencies in SRTS provides both law enforcement professionals and agencies a number of benefits, including reinforcing law enforcement's positive image in local communities, improving the safety of children traveling to school and engaging children in traffic safety at a young age. View the resource *Safe Routes to School for Law Enforcement* at: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/lawenforcement/>. Please let law enforcement personnel in your area know about this important new resource. Because Florida SRTS Guidelines do not include direct funding of law enforcement activities, this is a way for law enforcement personnel in Florida to get involved.

Everyone involved in SRTS should take a look at this important new resource. The educational messages can be used by anyone when talking to parents, children or general audiences. This is a great one-stop resource to use when planning SRTS presentations and training courses.