



# METRO SOUTHWEST NEWS

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Notes from the Commander:

School has been in session for approximately a month now. There are 32 schools on Southwest District. Officer Terry Winston and Officer Carlos Trincado visit these schools on a daily basis. They have a great working relationship with the principals, social workers, teachers, school staff, students and the IPS School Police. There are times when students don't attend school without an excused absence; that is where truancy comes into place. Any student that does not attend school can be considered truant. If you know of any student that is not attending school or see a student you think should be in school, please contact 327-3811 and report them. Ask the dispatcher to have an officer check on the children. The officer can determine if they should be in school or need help.

Many of you have children that wait for the school bus every morning. We want our kids to arrive safely at school and arrive safely home after school is dismissed.

#### **Watch out for our kids at the bus stops.**

-even if you don't have kids on the bus, please watch out for kids running across the street and from between parked cars. **If you see suspicious people or cars, please call 911 and report what you see.** . We want all our kids to be safe. Our kids need all of us to watch out for them.

Graffiti can be an eyesore especially if you have it in your neighborhood. Our prosecutor's office has a program called TAG-Take Away Graffiti. Please call Teresa Combs at 327-6435 with the address of the graffiti. She can talk to the owner or get permission to paint over the graffiti. She has covered over 30 properties so far this year. If you see graffiti, please call so she can get it painted over before the weather gets too cold.

Please e-mail your concerns or call Sergeant Lori Demaree at 327-6436 before our next meeting.

This way we can organize these concerns and address them with a plan of action when we meet. Her email address is [w2938@indy.gov](mailto:w2938@indy.gov)

This month we will have someone from Animal Care and Control as our guest speaker. They will inform you on their procedures and will answer any questions you might have. Please join us next week.

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**The next Task Force meeting is Thursday  
September 17, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. in the  
Southwest District Community Room  
551 N. King Avenue**