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OPERATION SAFE STOP

Columbia County, NY- Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that the Sheriff's Office will be participating in "Operation Safe Stop" on April 03, 2014. Deputy Sheriff's and other police agencies in the county will be following school bus routes for the purpose of enforcing vehicle and traffic laws against those violators who fail to stop for flashing red lights of stopped school buses.

Operation Safe Stop is a cooperative project supported by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, the New York State Education Department, the New York Association for Pupil Transportation, the New York State School Bus Contractors Association, the student transportation industry, and state, county, city, and local law enforcement agencies. The mission is to promote school bus safety through education enforcement efforts.

It is important for drivers to know what the law states regarding school buses.

- A driver must stop when the school bus red lights are flashing.
- Even on divided or multilane highways, or if the bus is on school grounds, drivers must stop for flashing red lights.
- The penalties imposed for illegally passing a school bus will be a fine ranging from \$250 to \$1000, points on your license, and/or possible imprisonment.

"Remember Operation Safe Stop! The memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life!"