



**SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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## NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date and Time:** Friday, August 27, 2021

**Location:** 1300-1400 blocks of El Camino Real, San Carlos, Ca

**Summary:** **Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Detail**

San Carlos, Ca. – The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office along with the Belmont Police Department will be conducting a pedestrian safety detail on Friday, August 27, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. in the City of San Carlos. The detail will take place on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of El Camino Real.

Pedestrian fatalities have increased nationwide over the last 10 years. California Department of Transportation statistics show that pedestrians are 37 times more likely to be injured in a collision than any other roadway driver. Between 2008 – 2017, pedestrian-related incidents accounted for 19% of all collisions resulting in major injury or death.

The goal of this pedestrian safety detail is to remind drivers and pedestrians to be aware of their surroundings and drive with due regard for safety. This will be a high visibility event intended to provide deterrence for would-be traffic violators. Traffic deputies and officers working this enforcement campaign and on routine patrol will be focusing on drivers as well as pedestrians who violate traffic laws such as the following:

- Excessive speed
- Making illegal turns
- Distracted driving
- Failing to stop for signs and signals
- Failing to yield drivers or pedestrians

Safety goes both ways, drivers and pedestrians must work together to exhibit safe behaviors that protect themselves and those around them, reducing injuries and saving lives.

Both drivers and pedestrians should avoid distractions by not using cell phones and being aware of their surroundings.

### **The Sheriff's Office reminds pedestrians of the following safety tips:**

- **Use crosswalks or intersections with a stop sign or signals**
- **Make eye contact with drivers**
- **Look before stepping into a crosswalk**



**Drivers are also reminded of the following:**

- **Be alert for pedestrians**
- **Use caution when backing up**
- **Always wait for pedestrians to safely cross the street, and be courteous and patient**

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