

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **ELYRIA SAFETY TOWN 2007**

The Elyria Police Department is pleased to announce that plans are underway for this summer's 49<sup>th</sup> SAFETY TOWN PROGRAM. The program is designed to teach safety lessons to children entering kindergarten this fall.

SAFETY TOWN is a one-week course that focuses on teaching children safe practices both at school and at home. The children are instructed on when, where, and how to cross the street. They are taught bike safety, pedestrian safety, school bus safety, fire safety, seat belt safety, 911 emergency calls, stranger danger and what to do if they find a gun. This program is also geared towards getting children to be comfortable around Law Enforcement and many other important agencies and what the many different uniforms and cars look like.

The program is Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 11:30am, with a special graduation ceremony on Friday morning starting at 9:00am, with guest speakers attending.

Registration cards are available at the school where your child will attend kindergarten. They are also available at the Elyria Police Department or you can register over the phone by calling Miss Denise at 326-1222.

We are very proud of our program and our ability to accommodate special needs students. Please call us at 326-1222 for more information. We have implemented a sixth week to the program. Over the past years I have noticed a large portion of the population on the South side of Elyria were not attending Safety Town, mainly due to transportation issues. First Student has agreed to transport students from the Westway Gardens, Wilkes Villa and South park areas. We are very excited about including these little ones in such an important start to their bright futures.

Safety Town is FREE to all citizens of Elyria and surrounding areas through the cooperation of the Elyria Police Department, the Kiwanis Club, and other donors.

This year's dates for Safety Town are the weeks of:  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the added week, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

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