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Immediate Release to Media Outlets

School Crossing Guards

Now that school is back in session I think it is important to clarify the police department's position regarding the staffing of school crossing guards for the new school year.

The City of Paterson has budgeted for 142 crossing guard positions at a cost of approximately 1.7 million dollars annually. Currently, there are fifty (50) crossing guard positions open, which the department is diligently working to fill. In addition to traditional job announcements, we have taken the extra step of placing flyers in children's book bags in an effort to attract the attention of parents who may be interested in earning extra money by serving as a school crossing guard.

"The safety of our children remains a top priority for the police department and we have always expended every available resource to ensure that our children arrive at school safely. We ask for the communities' cooperation in helping us to keep your children safe by escorting them to school or dropping them off whenever possible." - Police Director Jerry Speziale

In the event of shortages, Class One Special Officers, or regular police officers are detailed to cover unattended crossing guard posts.
