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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**To: All News Outlets**

**From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer**

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**RE: It's "Back to School" time for Mono County Schools**

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It is that time of year again – back to school time. The Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all residents and visitors, pedestrians and drivers, to think safety first as the new school year approaches. Here are some basic safety tips for the upcoming school year.

Drivers traveling through the Mono County communities need to remember that school will soon be back in session and that children will be walking to and from bus stops and schools. Be mindful and watchful of children entering the street from behind school buses or running into the street. Please remind your children to stay out of the street while they wait for the bus. Remind them to wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before approaching the street to board the bus. Drivers need to pay attention to school bus crossings, and always remember, when those red lights are flashing, please stop within a safe distance from the bus, allow time for the children to board, and for the bus to continue its travels. Always watch your speed when entering school zones and obey the 25 M.P.H. speed limit posted in all Mono County school zones.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office has re-implemented the School Resource program within the Eastern Sierra Unified School District (ESUSD). Deputy Magdalena "Nino" Hernandez is the department's new School Resource Officer and is dedicated to keeping all Mono County schools safe this school year.

Mono County schools are back in session beginning Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, for Edna Beaman Elementary, and all other Mono County schools including Antelope Elementary, Coleville High School, Bridgeport Elementary, Lee Vining Elementary, and Lee Vining High School will begin Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Here's to a safe and successful 2013-2014 school year!

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