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## ...SLOW DOWN, SOCORRO!

The “100 Days of Summer” traffic program gets a lot of publicity. It doesn’t end at the end of the 100 days: traffic surveillance is still under way with an added emphasis on school zones. Some of the worst offenders of the 15 mph speed limit are parents who are dropping their children off and hurrying on to their own workplace.

New Mexico has one of the highest traffic accident rates involving pedestrians in the nation, and the City of Socorro does not want to be a major contributor. The City Police will be increasing their surveillance of local traffic and issuing citations for violations. This includes speeding through school zones and ignoring stop signs, as well as not wearing seatbelts, not using appropriate child restraints, and other traffic infractions.

Fines for offenses range from \$65 to \$240, with failure to wear a safety belt at \$75 and no child restraint at \$80. Chief Mike Winders says it isn’t about the money so much as it is about educating the public and creating a safer Socorro. If you do get stopped, you may get only a warning. “Appreciate it, learn from it,” says Chief Winders. A ticket means either a court appearance if you decide to contest it (though if the judge decides to assess a fine you will also be responsible for court costs) or a penalty assessment where you admit guilt, mail in the payment and, hopefully, don’t repeat your infraction.

A fully staffed Police Department has 18 officers working around the clock to keep us and our children safe.

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**So... slow down, Socorro, and stay safe!**