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## **Back to School Safety**

It's back-to-school time, which means school buses will soon be back on our roads. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree would like to take a moment to remind local residents of what Ohio's laws are regarding stopping for a school bus.

If you are on a road with any less than FOUR lanes (regardless if you are behind the bus, approaching it, or on the opposite side of the road) you must STOP and remain stopped until the flashing lights and stop sign on the bus are turned off. Drivers who fail to stop for a school bus could face fines of \$500 or more, have two points added to their license, or have their license suspended for up to a year.

Even if a member of law enforcement wasn't there to witness the infraction, you can still receive a citation. Many school buses have on-board cameras, and we do issue citations from camera footage and eye-witness statements.

Most importantly, try to remember the safety of the students and staff members that are aboard these buses. The consequences of a few seconds of impatience could change lives, including your own.