

April 5, 2007

TO: Superintendents of Maricopa County School Districts

FROM: Eric Anderson, Transportation Director

SUBJECT: MAG REGIONAL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRAINING WORKSHOPS

We would like to invite school crossing guards and interested school officials that serve in your school district to attend either of two half-day Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops to be held in August 2007. The first workshop will be held in Glendale on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the second will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> in Mesa. We are organizing these workshops as part of a regional effort to improve road safety on access routes to elementary and middle schools. The workshop content was developed in partnership with the cities of Avondale, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix and Tempe. We hope to see participation by schools in your district. **There is no cost to attend either workshop.**

We recognize the crucial role played by K-8 schools in ensuring safe access to schools, particularly for younger students. As the regional planning agency for the Phoenix metropolitan region, we have been working on this issue with member agencies and have initiated some steps to address safe access to schools. However, the support of School Districts is essential to address this issue effectively. Providing education and training to all school crossing guards in the region is a basic but an essential step to ensure that crossing guards do not compromise their own safety and that of the children they protect in performing their duties. *Improving Safety on Access Routes to Schools*, is identified as a regional safety goal in the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. The U.S. Department of Transportation recognizes this as a national transportation safety issue, leading to the establishment of both national and state Safe Routes to School Programs.

Both workshops will have identical content and are based on similar workshops conducted by the City of Phoenix for over 40 years. All partnering cities strongly recommend this workshop for all K-8 schools within their city limits. Please note that the City of Phoenix will not be holding a separate training event this year.

For event planning purposes we would like to request that interested schools, organizations and individuals **register for the workshops using the enclosed registration form by July 20, 2007**. The form may be submitted **via mail, email or fax as** indicated on the registration form.

If you have any questions please contact our event coordinator, Kiran Guntupalli at (602) 254-6300. Thank you.

**REGIONAL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD TRAINING WORKSHOP  
COSPONSORED BY  
MAG, AVONDALE, GLENDALE, MESA, PHOENIX & TEMPE**

**Workshop#1**

**Friday, August 3, 2007  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Glendale Civic Center  
5750 W Glenn Drive  
Glendale, AZ 85301**

**Workshop#2**

**Friday, August 10, 2007  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Mesa Convention Center  
263 N. Center Street  
Mesa, AZ 85201**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

CONTACT NAME:.....

SCHOOL/DISTRICT/CITY:.....

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES FOR:

WORKSHOP#1: GLENDALE CIVIC CENTER: .....

WORKSHOP#2: MESA CONVENTION CENTER: .....

ADDRESS:.....

CITY:.....ZIP:.....

PH:.....FAX:.....EMAIL:.....

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 20, 2007**

Please mail, email or fax to:

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