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## PRESS RELEASE School's Open – Drive Carefully

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The New Hartford Police Department is urging parents to teach their children some simple safety tips before they head back to school.

“Very soon, thousands of children will be walking to and from school and school buses – many for the first time,” said Police Chief Philo. “Everyone who drives has a responsibility to be especially careful during this busy time for youngsters.”

Hundreds of young children are killed each year in collisions with motor vehicles, and thousands more are severely injured, the chief said. Children tend to be at greater risk during the back-to-school period because they tend to be thinking more about seeing old friends than watching for cars and trucks. Others are going to school for the first time.

To help protect children, Chief Raymond Philo offered these six tips from AAA New York, the local AAA affiliate:

- ✓ Look all ways before crossing the street.
- ✓ Cross only at corners.
- ✓ Obey Police Officers, school crossing guards, and traffic signals.
- ✓ Watch for turning cars.
- ✓ Be especially alert in bad weather.
- ✓ Play away from traffic.

AAA New York provides automotive, travel and financial services to more than 1.5 million members in New York City, and in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Herkimer and parts of Lewis, Madison and Oneida counties.

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*“Our mission is to promote a sense of safety and quality of life in New Hartford by providing police services with integrity and commitment to excellence in partnership with our community. We view the people who live and visit New Hartford as our customers who deserve our concern, care and attention”*