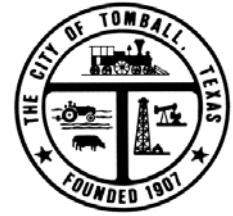




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“Safe Routes to School”

The Tomball Police Department, along with the Tomball Independent School District, has combined efforts to implement “Safe Routes to School”. The purpose of the program is to enhance the safety of our school children and improve the flow of traffic on Quinn Street by establishing safer and fully accessible routes, crosswalks, walkways, and drop-off zones.

In response to the need to enhance child safety, the Tomball Police Department has analyzed past traffic patterns on Quinn Street in between the Tomball High School and Tomball Junior High School. Effective immediately, during times of student drop-off and student pick-up, it is important that the following guidelines be followed:

- No student can be dropped off on Quinn Street. There is no longer any “Stopping, Standing, or Parking” along Quinn Street. Parents dropping students off must use appropriate drop off points. High school students should be dropped off at the student drop-off in front of school, and junior high students should be dropped off at front doors within the horseshoe driveway.
- Right turns only after students are dropped off. After parents drop students off in front of their appropriate school, as the parents exit the school, to minimize congestion, they will only be allowed to make right hand turns.

Tomball police officers will be on hand to educate the public, students, teachers, and parents about the changes in traffic routes, instructing them of the importance of driver safety in the vicinity of the school. They will also work as an enforcement mechanism to improve compliance with traffic laws in the vicinity of the school, to include: enforcement of speeds, “stop, standing, and parking” laws, yielding to pedestrians in crossings, and proper walking and bicycle behavior.

It is understood that the above mentioned changes will affect some parent’s routine or cause an inconvenience to some. Although this is not our intent, it is the ultimate responsibility of the Tomball Police Department and the TISD to provide a safe environment for your children; therefore, it is important that these simple guidelines be followed.