



Law Enforcement Goes Back To School For Driving Training

School Parking Lot Closed To Public During Training Sessions on Aug 2 & 9

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 25, 2023-The Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) and the Routt County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) will be headed back to school, specifically, Strawberry Park Elementary and Middle Schools, for a special training class for law enforcement on driving tactics in early August. School parking lots will be closed for all public use during training sessions.

"Training is a mainstay among law enforcement agencies across the country," commented Chief Mark Beckett. "Our officers undergo a variety of training to ensure they have the tools and skills necessary to stay safe while working to make our city safer."

The SSPD, RCSO and other agencies will be conducting agency Officer Driving Training at the Strawberry Park Schools parking lot on Wednesday, August 2 and 9, from 9am to 7pm. These parking lots will be closed for all public use; however, trail access in the area will remain open.

The training focuses on pursuit driving, vehicle safety, professional police driving, driving techniques, and emergency driving techniques. Behind the wheel, officers are exposed to a variety of courses designed specifically for law enforcement drivers.

"We're fortunate to have officers within our department who have been certified in instruction across a variety of disciplines including driving instruction," continued Beckett. "Additionally, we're able to have multiple agencies participate right here instead of having to leave the Yampa Valley."

Officers typically spend six to eight hours a day in their patrol vehicles. Motor vehicle-related incidents are a leading cause of line-of-duty deaths for law enforcement officers in the United States. In the last 10 years, on average, an officer per week has been killed on the nation's roads.



[-WeServeTheCity-](#)

Contact

Mark Beckett, Police Chief, 970.879.4344 or email

Rich Brown, Police Commander, 970.879.4344 or email

Michael Lane, Communications Manager, 970.871.8220 or email