

# More police patrols near schools to ease traffic flow

Sharjah deputs 17 officers and 25 units for job.

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Sharjah: Police have launched a safety campaign to assist motorists during the first week of the new academic year, it was announced yesterday.

"We have intensified the number of traffic police patrols across the city to ensure a smooth flow of traffic during the start of the school year, particularly in areas that are undergoing road works," Major General Humaid Al Hudaidi, Chief of Sharjah Police, said.

"We have also focused our efforts to ensure that roads near schools and universities are free from traffic congestion, so that buses can arrive to the educational institutes on time."

Major General Al Hudaidi pointed out that police, in coordination with relevant government authorities, have also laid out a comprehensive plan to facilitate the commute for employees during the morning rush hour.

## Surveillance

Colonel Mohammad Eid Al Madhloum, Director of Operations at Sharjah Police, told Gulf News that 30 main junctions have been put under surveillance, and that the Operations Control Room has assigned 17 traffic police officers and 25 patrol units to cover areas in front of schools in Sharjah.

"We have deployed a number of Anjad patrols to also monitor the external roads in Sharjah that are frequently used by motorists, which include Al Wahda Road, Emirates Road, Sharjah Ring Road and the Sharjah-Al Dhaid highway."

In coordination with the Directorate of Public Works and Sharjah Municipality, police have identified all the areas that are prone to bottlenecks, and have deployed patrol units, rescue teams and ambulances accordingly.

"School administrators are urged to report any type of deviant behaviour outside the school premises, which includes teenage boys harassing female students. Parents that drive their children to school are also requested to ensure that they have a car seat

available for toddlers, that children are sitting in the back seat and fastened with a seat belt," Colonel Al Madhloum said.

He also urged parents to be careful when dropping their children to school, and to park as far away from the road in order to prevent accidents and traffic congestion.

Al Dhaid Police has also launched a similar campaign and have conducted lectures for drivers so that they can ensure the safety of students when they get in and out of school buses.

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