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### Punta Gorda Police Team-up to Focus on a Safe School Year

On Thursday, Punta Gorda Police School Resource Officers teamed-up at Sallie Jones Elementary School with staff from the Punta Gorda Fire Department, Charlotte County EMS, and the Charlotte County School District to educate new and returning families on the importance of *safety first*.



Punta Gorda Police Chief Albert (Butch) Arenal said, "The unthinkable can happen in seconds. By providing education, taking precautions, and staying alert, we all have the ability to protect our most vulnerable citizens. Those of us in law enforcement have seen the tragedies that can occur in just moments. Together, we can prevent such tragedies from ever happening in Punta Gorda."



Education efforts focused on the proper installation of child seats, wearing your seatbelt, and safety in and around vehicles and school buses. The police department is reminding the public about the 15 mile per hour speed limit in school zones and to be extra careful during your morning ride as children will be at bus stops and walking to school. Additional child safety tips can be found on the Punta Gorda Police Department's website at

[http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police\\_childsafety.html](http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/depts/police/police_childsafety.html).

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