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No one passed a school bus. That's the news that the Burleson Police Department and Durham Transportation were hoping for March 26.

Officers from the department's traffic unit rode the bus routes that included picking up students for Clinkscale, Mound and Hajek elementary schools as well as both high schools. On March 26, no drivers passed a school bus when children were getting on or getting off the bus.

"Durham selected three routes that they felt had the most significant problems and we placed an officer on those buses," Sgt. Brian O'Heren, who heads up the traffic unit, said. "Three officers followed along the routes to stop any violations pointed out by the officers on board."

The detail started as the buses left for their afternoon run, and ended when the buses returned to the bus barn.

This isn't the first time that the police department and Durham Transportation, the company that provides the bus service for the Burleson Independent School District, have teamed up to protect the lives of the children. In September 2013, the traffic unit and the marshals from municipal court worked the bus detail for the first time. One driver was cited.

Bus drivers activate stop signs and red lights when children are getting on or getting off of the bus. Drivers, regardless of which direction you are approaching the school bus (and students are getting on or off the bus), must stop before reaching the school bus when the bus is operating a visual signal (stop signs or flashing red lights). Drivers may not proceed until the school bus resumes driving; the bus driver signals other drivers to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. It is Durham policy that bus drivers will not signal other drivers to proceed.

Illegally passing a school bus is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$1,250. If the driver is convicted a second time or a second offense is committed within five years, the fine increases to \$1,000-\$2,000. The charge becomes a Class A misdemeanor if the driver causes serious bodily injury to another person. If the person has been previously convicted of a Class A misdemeanor the charge becomes a state jail felony.

School zone hours in Burleson vary from 7 a.m.-9 a.m. in the morning and 2:40 p.m.-5 p.m. in the afternoon.