



NEWS RELEASE

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS AND GENERAL INFORMATION MESSAGE:

Summer is rapidly approaching and the Lakeport Police Department would like to remind you of some important safety tips and general information.

Traffic Safety will be extremely important this summer as pedestrian and vehicular traffic increase. As a community, you should be aware that the summer concert series and Independence Day celebration at Library Park bring heavy traffic flow through the downtown area. Please take extra care to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists as you drive about Lakeport, and remember that pedestrians do have the legal right of way. The Lakeport Police Department will do its best to enforce this, and all other traffic laws, but will also be counting on the public to be mindful of the risks to drivers and pedestrians alike.

Pets are often innocent victims during the summer months and the Police Department would like to remind you that leaving your pets in your vehicle is very dangerous and owners should use good judgment when taking your pet for a ride. Vehicles can very easily become ovens even with the windows down. Always be prepared with water if your animal is traveling with you. For those with pick up trucks, please remember that even though the animal is in the open air, the bed of the truck can become extremely hot. Always have a bed or platform that your animal can lay or sit on to protect their feet from the heat.

Summer is garage sale season and we want to remind you that the City of Lakeport has an ordinance prohibiting the posting of any type of handbill or advertising on any public property in the City of Lakeport. The ordinance is designed to keep public areas free from clutter and resulting litter when the signs fall down. In addition, signs can obstruct the view of motorists therefore; signs should only be posted on private property and, only after obtaining permission, from the property owner. The Police Department will be monitoring compliance with this ordinance.

The Police Department team is always happy to hear from the community; feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Enjoy a great summer!

Brad Rasmussen
Chief of Police