

## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Craig A. Stough - 06/12/2014

### “Safety City Planned”

Sylvania Safety City is planned for the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Maplewood Elementary. This will be Sylvania Safety City's 29<sup>th</sup> year and over 5080 students have attended over the years. This year 183 Sylvania five year old children are registered, with graduation scheduled for Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sylvania children are our most important asset, and Sylvania's version of Safety City helps to get them off to a safe start before they enter school. The children attend either a morning or an afternoon class for five days at Maplewood Elementary School. Important topics to be covered include:

- Memorization of Name, Address and Telephone Number
- Classroom Skills
- Safely Crossing the Street
- Traffic Signs and Signals
- Seat Belt Safety
- Fire Prevention
- Stop, Drop and Roll
- Stranger Danger
- School Bus Safety and going for a short school bus ride
- Bicycle Safety including always wearing a helmet
- Railroad Crossings Safety
- Safety around animals
- Water Safety
- Medical Emergencies and Ambulances
- Hospitals

A neighborhood of streets, sidewalks, signs, crosswalks, lights, etc. is set up to help practice safety. The children get to meet police officers, firefighters and other emergency personnel and learn those people are their friends and want to help them.

Thank you to all who planning to help make Safety City a great experience for our children, including all the teachers, police officers, firefighters and other personnel and volunteers who helped out. Also, our thanks to: the Sylvania Township Fire Department, the Sylvania Schools Transportation Division, the Lucas County Dog Warden, Norfolk-Southern Railroad/Operation Lifesaver and Engineer Steve, Republic Services and Garbage Gus, the JCC/YMCA, and the Sylvania Schools for their assistance. Sylvania Safety City 2014 will be a better learning experience for the children because of all of you. And thank you to all the parents for entrusting your children to us and for supporting the program and attending the graduation ceremony.

Incidentally, another great program of the Sylvania Police Division is the Child Safety Seat Program. Sergeants Dani Miller and Stacey Pack have been trained and certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Since the program started in 2001, with the help of Dave White Chevrolet and Safe Kids of Greater Toledo, they have checked or installed over 2000 child safety seats at a variety of events around town. On an average, 9 out of 10 car seats were found to be improperly installed. If you would like to have a child safety seat checked, please contact the Sylvania Police Division at (419)885-8902 to set up an appointment, or look for them at upcoming community events. If you have general questions regarding installation of child seats or child passenger safety laws in Ohio, please visit [www.sylvaniapolice.com](http://www.sylvaniapolice.com), and look for the Children Safety Seat section under Community Affairs.