

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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“2019 Safety City”

The 2019 Sylvania Safety City will take place the week of June 3rd at Maplewood Elementary. This will be Sylvania Safety City's 34th year and over 5800 students have attended. This year 162 Sylvania five year old children registered and will graduate Friday, June 7th. I will be attending the 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. graduation ceremonies, and offer the following information about Sylvania Safety City.

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 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, Cover, 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

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.

Safety City is a memorable experience for the children who attend. When I ask groups of fifth grade students at DARE Graduations years later if they remember attending Safety City and what they remember, the reactions are always prompt and positive. The DARE program is also about the safety of our children, giving them the tools they need to choose to say no to drugs and alcohol, and resist the peer pressure or bullying to do so.

Thank you to all who help make Safety City a great experience for our children, including all the teachers, police officers, firefighters and other personnel and volunteers who help out. Also, our thanks to: the Sylvania Township Fire Department, the Sylvania Schools Transportation Division, City Street Department, Norfolk Southern, the Lucas County Canine Care & Control, Republic Services and Garbage Gus, the JCC/YMCA, Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center and the Sylvania Schools for their assistance. Sylvania Safety City 2019 will be a great success 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.



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