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Naval Support Activity Norfolk Launches Pedestrian/Driver Safety Campaign

Norfolk, VA – Naval Support Activity (NSA) Norfolk kicked off its Pedestrian/Driver Safety Campaign today to bring awareness to the rights and responsibilities of both pedestrians and drivers on board the base.

The message is simple — pedestrians and drivers must work together to ensure that everyone arrives at their destination safely. Pedestrians must use crosswalks, make eye contact with drivers and check both ways before they cross the street. Drivers must obey the speed limits and watch out for and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

“This is a compact base with well over 6,000 vehicles daily,” said Capt. Charles Melcher, Commanding Officer of NSA Norfolk. “Our main gate handles more traffic than any naval station gate and the population density on board NSA Norfolk is the highest of any base in the region.”

With this Pedestrian/Driver Safety Campaign, NSA Norfolk will do their part by educating both pedestrians and drivers about what to look for, what to expect, and how to prevent pedestrian injuries and fatalities from occurring. Base police are participating in the campaign and will issue warning tickets and scrape stickers of drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks. They will also issue warning tickets for pedestrians who hazard themselves or drivers by failing to use crosswalks, or endanger traffic by launching into crosswalks without proper care.

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Additionally, NSA Norfolk has a project that is going to resignal and upgrade crosswalks on base with new paint, new signage where appropriate, and an engineering study to ensure that crosswalks are properly located. This project will take place over the summer and is scheduled to be complete in the fall.

“Our confined parking, narrow roadways and blind corners require us to take special measures to ensure the safety of those who work on board NSA Norfolk,” said Melcher. “We are committed to keeping our roadways safe for all.”

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