



**Warren C. Evans**  
**Sheriff**

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## Sheriff rides DDOT bus with Detroit school children to highlight deputies' presence

◆ ***Thousands of city school kids to have additional protection this school year***

Thousands of Detroit children who rely on city of Detroit buses to get them to and from school each day now have some welcome company: Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies.

As a larger number of students returns to school this first full week of classes and their use of DDOT buses peaks, Sheriff Warren C. Evans highlighted his department's presence by riding the Grand River line along with several students from Northwestern High School.

Earlier this summer, Detroit City Council approved a three-year contract to have the Sheriff's Office patrol DDOT routes, buses and shelters.



"One of the most important aspects of our new DDOT bus patrol will be to keep an eye on children to make sure they have safe passage to and from school every day," Evans said. "Children can be exposed to a lot of different types of people on a public transportation bus than they are on a yellow school bus, so it's important to have some additional sets of eyes to look out for them."

Evans said that deputies may be in uniform or plain clothes riding along side students on their bus. Or, they may be patrolling in marked cars along their routes.

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During the first week of school Evans stepped up his Office's patrols of DDOT routes, with deputies boarding coaches, interacting with passengers and bus drivers, and issuing hundreds of citations to motorists who were disobeying traffic laws in school zones, posing a potential hazard.

"As the school year progresses, we also will be keeping a close eye out for kids who may be skipping school," Evans said. "If our officers come across any, they know the appropriate action to take with the school district."