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Manasquan Police Departments Bicycle Safety Initiative for the Summer of 2010

Due to recent complaints from the public and a lack of compliance for the laws pertaining to bicycle equipment and safety, the Manasquan Police Department will be implementing a program this summer to raise awareness and compliance of bicycle safety.

It is important for children and young adults to understand that their bicycle is actually the first vehicle that they will operate. It is an opportunity for them to practice what is in store for them when they receive their driver's license. With few exceptions, bicyclists must follow the same rules and laws of the road as someone who is driving an automobile.

Title 39 governs New Jersey Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws. The following statutes cover the bicycle violations the police department will be looking for compliance of:

- 39:4-10 - requires two lights on bicycles being operated at night, requires a white lamp on front and red light on the rear.
- 39:4-10.1 - a person under 17 years of age shall not operate a bicycle without a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.
- 39:4-12 - prohibits riding double on bicycle unless the bicycle is designed for more than one person.
- 39:4-14.2 - every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, also requires bicyclists to ride single file when there is traffic.

The police department will be issuing written warning for these violations as the summer season begins. Each violation will be documented in the police computer. Parents will be notified if their child has received a written warning, either by mail or phone call. A subject found in violation a second time will be issued a summons. Summonses issued to persons under 18 years of age are court appearance required and a parent must attend court with them.

We are looking for voluntary compliance with these safety issues. The overall goal is to make the streets safer for everyone, motorists and bicyclists included. Have a safe summer.