



# YAKIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Media Release

### Traffic Congestion on Stone Road at Mountainview Elementary School

**Date:** 10/7/21

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**Incident:** N/A

**Location:** Stone Rd and Widehollow Rd

**Date:** 9/21/21

Narrative:

The Yakima County Sheriff's Office has been receiving complaints of traffic backed up on Stone Road in the area of the Mountainview Elementary School in the afternoons as parents are lining up to pick up their kids. This is causing vehicles to be backed on the hill to the north. Due to the road design, there is limited shoulder area for the parents to safely get off the roadway.

This area is marked with a double yellow center line, making it a no passing zone. The reports that are coming in are showing motorists that are passing these stopped vehicles and going into the oncoming lane of travel, which is causing a safety hazard for motorists going to the north, to the individuals that are stopped vehicles, and the individuals that are doing the illegal passing.

Please be patient in the afternoons during the school pickup times (2:10 PM to around 2:40 PM) and possibly use an alternate route.

The school has been contacted and we are trying to come up with a better plan for a space for parents to pick up their kiddos.



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