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FAUQUIER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REMINDS CITIZENS OF SCHOOL BEGINNING AND TO USE CAUTION ON THE ROADS

Warrenton, VA – August 16, 2013 – [The Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management \(DFREM\)](#) – a combined career and volunteer fire and rescue system that serves the citizens of [Fauquier County, Virginia](#) – today reminds citizens that on Monday, August 19, [Fauquier County Public Schools \(FCPS\)](#) will begin and urges drivers to use caution. FCPS include three high schools, five middle schools, 11 elementary schools and one alternative school, which are scattered evenly throughout the County, from Remington to The Plains, Catlett to Marshall, and many locations in between.

According to [FCPS](#), it recognizes that a safe and secure school environment is essential to foster the academic, social and emotional well-being of students. The safety of the school environment, where your children spend much of their day, is a top priority for the Fauquier County School Board, faculty and staff.

“In support of FCPS’s efforts to keep our children safe at school, we urge citizens to be reminded that up to [11,000 children](#) will be waiting at bus stops, walking to school, and boarding and exiting school buses next week,” said Fire Rescue Chief Thomas Billington. “It is our duty as Fauquier County citizens to do our due diligence and be aware of these young citizens that will be out and about, and play our part in keeping them safe by using caution on the roads.”

Chief Billington adds a reminder for drivers to watch for buses stopping along highways, children crossing roads in neighborhoods and for a generally heavier morning and afternoon commuter volume on roads throughout the County beginning on Monday.

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