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TOPIC C216: DRIVING SAFELY AROUND PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

Introduction: Pedestrians have the right of way. One in six traffic fatalities is a pedestrian. Always stop for any pedestrian crossing at corners or other crosswalks

Don't:

- Pass a car from behind that has stopped at a crosswalk. You may not see the pedestrian.
- Drive on a sidewalk, except to cross it at a driveway or alley. When crossing, yield to pedestrians
- Stop in a crosswalk.
- **Crosswalks:** A crosswalk is the area of the street where the sidewalk lines would extend across the street, and is created for pedestrian traffic. Every intersection has a pedestrian crosswalk whether or not there are lines painted on the street. If a pedestrian makes eye contact with you, they're ready to cross the street, yield to the pedestrian as they always have the right of way- with or without traffic lights, crosswalks marked or not
- Most crosswalks are at corners. Before turning a corner, watch for pedestrians about to cross the street. Crosswalks are often marked with white lines. Yellow crosswalk lines may be painted at school crossings, but many crosswalks in residential areas aren't marked.

Bicycle lanes: A bicycle lane is shown by a solid white line along either side of the street, four or more feet from the curb. The white line will usually be broken near the corner and the words "BIKE LANE" will be painted in the lane. When you're making a right turn and are within 200 feet of the corner or other driveway entrance, you can enter the bike lane for the turn. Don't drive in the bike lane at any other time. Pass bicyclists on the left, if you're driving in a narrow lane, wait for traffic to clear before passing – don't squeeze past the bicyclist

Bicycles: Bicyclists on public streets have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicle drivers. Bicyclists are part of the normal traffic flow.

- Bicyclists are permitted to ride on certain sections of freeways, when signs are posted. Be careful when approaching or passing a bicyclist on a freeway
- Look carefully for bicyclists before opening doors next to moving traffic or before turning right
- Always merge carefully toward the curb or into the bike lane. Don't pass a bicyclist just before making a right turn.

Left turn against a red light on a one-way street only: Signal and stop for a red traffic light at the limit line or corner. You may turn left into a left-moving one-way street if there's no sign prohibiting the turn. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists moving on the green light.

Right turns: To make a right turn, drive close to the right edge of the road. If there's a bike lane, look and if safe, drive into the bike lane no more than 200 feet before the turn. Begin signaling about 100 feet before the turn. Look over your right shoulder and reduce your speed. Stop behind the limit line. Only turn when it is safe.

Right turn against a red light: Signal and stop for a red traffic light at the limit line or at the corner. If there's no sign prohibiting the turn, you may turn right. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists moving on their green light.

Conclusion: To avoid last minute moves, look down the road 10 to 15 seconds ahead of your vehicle so you can see hazards early.

Employee Attendance:(Names or signatures of personnel who are attending this meeting)

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