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Clearwater, Fla. – The Clearwater Police Department kicked off a Pedestrian Enforcement Safety Campaign, which includes a series of details at various locations on various dates within the City of Clearwater. The enforcement will be inclusive of both vehicle and pedestrian violations.

The violations will include drivers entering crosswalks while a pedestrian is lawfully crossing on the half of the roadway that the vehicle is traveling and drivers exiting entrances/exits onto roadways and violating the right of way of a walking pedestrian. The detail will also focus on pedestrians that cross mid-block when a crosswalk and signalized intersection is within a reasonable distance, or crossing midblock when not within a reasonable distance and failing to yield to traffic, as well as pedestrians crossing in violation of the signalized devices at an intersection.

During the first detail on July 26, Police Officers worked the areas of the 1300 block of Cleveland Street and the 400 to 800 block of Missouri Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The detail generated the following activity:

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| • Pedestrian Obey Traffic Control Devices | 1 citation / 8 warnings |
| • Walking/running in the path of traffic | 2 warnings |
| • Failed to yield right of way to traffic | 1 warning |
| • Failed to cross at crosswalk | 16 warnings |
| • Crossing diagonally | 6 warnings |
| • Failed to yield to pedestrian | 1 warning |
| • Red light violation | 1 warning |

CPD will start primarily with warnings the first month to educate pedestrians and drivers. This falls in line with Police Chief Anthony Holloway's three E's strategy: Evaluate, Educate and Enforce. The enforcement stage – issuing citations- will begin in September.

The vehicle fine (moving violation) is \$166.00. The pedestrian fine is \$62.50.

