



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Michael F. Easley, Governor

Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

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MEDIA ADVISORY

TO: News Directors, Editors

FROM: Lieutenant Everett Clendenin
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RE: Operation Stop Arm

Bryan Beatty, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control & Public Safety, will hold a press conference on Monday, February 7th to kick-off *Operation Stop Arm*.

Governor Mike Easley has proclaimed the week of February 7-11th as *Watch out for the Child* week in North Carolina. *Operation Stop Arm* will run in conjunction with *Watch out for the Child* week. The news conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the North Carolina State Highway Patrol's Driver Training Facility, located at 380 East Tyron Road in Garner.

Commissioner Jim Long from the Department of Insurance, Dr. Ben Matthews from the Department of Public Instruction and Colonel Fletcher Clay, Commander of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, will participate in the news conference.

Operation Stop Arm will be an aggressive enforcement campaign conducted by the Patrol in all North Carolina counties throughout the week. This is the first school bus campaign in the history of the Patrol to be conducted simultaneously in all counties.

Across the state, some troopers will be riding with the children on the school buses, and others will be following the buses. Troopers will be driving marked and unmarked patrol cars, and motorcycles.

We encourage you to cover this event. If you have any questions, please call our office at (919) 733-5027.

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