



# NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **CHILD STRUCK BY VEHICLE WHILE CROSSING COASTAL HIGHWAY**

On August 17, 2010, at approximately 7:15 p.m., Ocean City Police and Paramedics responded to the area of Old Wharf Road and Coastal Highway, in reference to a pedestrian being struck by a car.

An 11-year-old male from St. Mary's County, Maryland, was struck in the crosswalk while crossing against the light from east to west on Coastal Highway. The 11 year old was with a parent, however, crossed without the parent. The vehicle involved had the right of way. The name of the driver is being withheld as there are no charges pending. The child was treated at the scene by Ocean City Paramedics and transported by Maryland State Police Helicopter to the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Ocean City Police urge citizens to use extra caution while crossing streets, as well as advise drivers to be alert of pedestrians on the road. For individuals who are traveling on foot, on a bicycle, moped or scooter, here are some important safety tips to remember:

- Cross the street at a marked crosswalk or intersection.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy intersections.
- Continue to watch for traffic the entire time you are in the crosswalk.
- It is illegal to wear headphones in both ears at the same time while operating any vehicle.
- Vehicle operators should to be extremely vigilant while driving, keeping consistently aware of pedestrians, bicycles, mopeds and scooters.
- Avoid making quick, un-signalized turns or abrupt stops. If you can't make the turn safely, proceed past the turn and turn around when safe.
- Allow plenty of time to stop or proceed through intersections.
- Pedestrians should only use crosswalks and not take unnecessary risks crossing busy streets against traffic lights.
- Parents are reminded to pay extra attention to children when crossing busy roads. Keep hold of small children's hands while waiting for traffic lights to change and while crossing.

The Ocean City Police Department reminds citizens to *Be Safe, Beach Smart. Walk with Wisdom and Bike with Brains.*

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. [OCPD@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:OCPD@oceancitymd.gov)  
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