

# MISSOURI CAPITOL POLICE ADVISOR

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## Prepare for an Increase in Pedestrians and Demand for Parking

Capitol Police reminds employees to prepare for an increase in both pedestrian traffic and demand for parking as the 2012 legislative session nears. Capitol Police asks that everyone drive safely, park courteously, and use crosswalks where available.

## Welcome Aboard

Capitol Police would like to introduce Officer Will Ayer, who has been assigned to the Executive Protection Division. Officer Ayer comes to Missouri Capitol Police from the Lincoln University Police Department.

## Operation Toys

Capitol Police members raised and donated enough money to sponsor three children during the Operation Toys event on Saturday, Dec. 17. Capitol Police would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts and helped us provide less fortunate children in our community with toys for Christmas. Capitol Police would also like to thank Corporal Tracy Jamison, Officer Dave McCurley and Officer Deanne Bogg for accompanying the children to Kmart as they shopped with their gift cards.

## Spotlight:

## Right of Way: Pedestrian vs. Motor Vehicle



Capitol Police would like to remind motorists and pedestrians of the rules regarding pedestrian right of way. The Missouri state statutes related to pedestrian right of way include:

### Pedestrians' right of way in crosswalks:

[RSMo. 300.375](#) states that when traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. It goes on to say that no pedestrian shall leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Furthermore, whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

### When pedestrians shall yield:

[RSMo. 300.390](#) states that every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

### When pedestrians are prohibited from crossing:

[RSMo. 300.395](#) states that between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a crosswalk. Furthermore, no pedestrian traffic shall cross at a roadway other than in a crosswalk in any business district or on any street designated by an ordinance.