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Back to School

King County: On the morning of April 23rd 2018 a third grade girl and her mother were hit by a car while walking through a cross walk on their way to school. Both of them were injured, but the third grader suffered critical injuries that required a long hospital stay and multiple surgeries. Her injuries were so severe that she was never able to return to school last year.

On August 29th 2018 multiple agencies, and first responders who were at the crash, are partnering together to make her return to school a special and safe day. Washington State Patrol, Renton Police, Renton Fire Authority, King County Medic One, Communities in Schools of Renton, and Benson Hill Elementary are teaming up to help this, now, fourth grader and her family have a safe walk to school. Emergency vehicles and personnel are going to close the crosswalk and line the street so the family can walk safely to school for the first time since the tragic crash.

This event serves as an opportunity for all of these agencies to show their support for the family and the young girl as they continue to recover from the crash. It also serves as a reminder that school is starting back in Renton, and the surrounding cities in Washington. All of these agencies want to highlight the importance of safe driving in and around school zones. It's imperative that drivers exercise extra caution, and eliminate all distractions as they drive around students and families walking to/from school. It's everyone's goal to keep these kinds of life changing events from happening again in our local communities.

If media has questions about the event, they can contact Trooper Van Cleave at Chase.Vancleave@wsp.wa.gov. If you wish to attend, the event will start at 7:30 AM at the intersection of 116th Ave SE and SE 184th St in Renton, and end at Benson Hill Elementary.

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