

Good to get caught



Police reward children for wearing their bicycle helmet

The Coral Springs Police Department is rewarding children who wear bicycle helmets with a citation of sorts – a free kids meal coupon to Chick-Fil-A.

Sgt. George Soberon of the department's bike unit said officers wanted to focus on positive motivation to get children to obey the law; wearing a helmet is mandatory for anyone under 16 in Florida. Officers will still distribute legal citations to those breaking the law but are excited to reward riders who protect themselves with life-saving helmets.

During the last two years, there were 23 crashes involving children on bicycles in Coral Springs. Of those, only 10 riders were wearing helmets.

School Resource Officers at all the elementary schools are armed with their Chick-Fil-A coupons and are looking for children whose helmets are secured to their heads instead of dangling uselessly from bike handlebars.

The cycling safety initiative is done in support of the City's newly launched Move Over campaign to promote general bike safety as more people are choosing to ride two wheels.

For more information, contact Soberon at 954-346-1763 or the School Resource Officer at your child's school.