Keep Lights On, Motorists Urged

Los Angeles County's annual "Lights on for Life" campaign was launched this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who urged all motorists to turn on their headlights during daylight hours over the long Labor Day weekend as a safe-driving reminder.

Hahn initiated the program in 1961 and since then the program has been credited with saving many lives on the highways.

"Lighted headlights on all cars traveling the highways on this Labor Day weekend will serve as beacons for safety," Hahn said.

"As other motorists see the lights, they will be reminded that safe driving is essential when the highways are crowded and when nationwide death tolls skyrocket because of traffic accidents."

In 1960, the year prior to the first "Lights on for Life" campaign, Los Angeles County accounted for 14 of the 39 traffic deaths in the State of California over the Labor Day weekend. That 36 per cent for Los Angeles County was about in line with 42 per cent of the registered vehicles of the state being in this county.

However, with the inception of the "Lights" campaign in 1961, Los Angeles County's percentage over the Labor Day weekend dropped to eight.

In 1963, when a record 59 persons died on the highways in California over the long weekend, only 22 per cent of the deaths were in Los Angeles County.

In 1964, even with the continuing increase of automobiles here, Los Angeles County's percentage was 14 and in 1965, 24 per cent.

Hahn, directly attributing the low County ratio of deaths to the "Lights" campaign, urged all motorists to cooperate in the life-saving effort this year.

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The Los Angeles County Heart Association maintains branch offices in Van Nuys, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Lawndale, Downey, Pomona and Glendale to serve over six million county residents.

Dogs Have Grad Day At Park

Graduation of the two novice Harbor Lite Dog obedience classes was recently held at Peck Park. Highlighting the graduation was the awarding of trophies to the highest scoring handlers and dogs.

Trophy winners of the Wednesday night class were: Mrs. Arthur Weddell Jr. of Palos Verdes Estates, Labrador; Arthur Wendell Jr. of Palos Verdes Estates, Labrador Retreiver, and Mrs. Cynthia Gilkison of Palos Verdes Estates, Airdale. Highest scoring junior handler Mike Kaye of San Pedro.

The winners of the Saturday afternoon class were: Mrs Pearl Raney of San Pedro, miniature Poodle, and Annie Cafarcia of Torrance, Dalmation. They won both the second place and junior handler trophies. Third place was won by Jerry Gude of Torrance, German Sheperd.

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JUDGING both graduations was Mrs. Janette Potter of Norwalk. New registration dates are set for Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. Classes are limited to not more than 20 and handlers.

Junior handlers must be able to handle their own dogs. Dogs should be three months old or older and equiped with regulation slip collar and a six-foot leather leash.

The dog obedience classes are held at Peck Park, 560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro.

The new advanced classes will open Oct. 1 at 3:15 p.m. Dogs entering the class must have had novice training.

Instructing the classes is Marty Lehr.

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