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Fort Worth Police Department issues safety tips ahead of 2024 Solar Eclipse

FORT WORTH, Texas – The City of Fort Worth is in the anticipated path of the rare total solar eclipse scheduled on April 8, 2024, at approximately 1:40 p.m. and the Fort Worth Police Department is issuing safety tips to allow for a safe once-in-a-lifetime experience for all.

Since the State of Texas will have the longest durations of totality in the country, the Fort Worth Police Department is encouraging local and visiting viewers to have a preplanned designated safe spot for viewing. “We encourage our community and visitors to the great City of Fort Worth and to avoid the roadways as much as possible during this time. While this is a rare event, we urge people to not stop on the roadways to view the eclipse, do not park on the shoulder or exit your vehicle and please keep moving,” said Chief of Police Neil Noakes.

The department is encouraging people to park in a safe spot for viewing during the dark hours.

- Please refrain from stopping in the middle of the roadway or pulling over to the side of the road to view the eclipse. And PLEASE do not exit your vehicle.
- Ensure your vehicle has a full tank of gas, as there will be an influx of out-of-town visitors and traffic on the roadways.
- The department’s priority is to ensure first responders can swiftly reach emergencies and navigate roadways safely. www.DriveTexas.org has up-to-date traffic conditions.

The Fort Worth Police Department along with TXDOT and Texas Highway Patrol will be enforcing any drivers that choose to impede traffic. Please keep in mind a driver may not drive so slowly as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

The City of Fort Worth is hosting a number of events to assist residents and visitors to remember this twilight experience. You can find a list of events on the city’s website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/solar-eclipse-2024>.

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