



News Release

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Thanksgiving Click It or Ticket Mobilization

Washington County Sheriff, Tim Helder, announced today the Washington County Sheriff's Office will be joining law enforcement agencies across the state during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday period (November 23rd – 29th) *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization.

Every day until November 29, 2009 there will be additional deputies who will intensify enforcement of safety belt laws and child passenger safety laws by setting up saturation patrols. Drivers failing to restrain themselves and their child passengers will be ticketed according to the law.

High visibility enforcement relies on periods of intense enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with media outreach to let people know about the enforcement. For many non-seat belt users, and especially young people, the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat of injury or death.

This year, numerous Americans -- adults and children -- will die in crashes because they failed to buckle their seat belts. Traffic fatalities, especially among teens and young adults, are an ongoing tragedy we must do something about and that is why we've joined this effort.

Funds that allow the increased patrol are provided through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

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