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News Release

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Click It or Ticket May 23-June 5

The Springfield Police Department will be joining with statewide law enforcement May 23-June 5 for an aggressive "Click It or Ticket" mobilization to crack down on Missouri's seat belt violations.

Seven out of 10 people killed in Missouri traffic crashes are unbuckled and even with all the advancements in automobile safety and education on the importance of seat belt use, Missouri's seat belt use has remained relatively unchanged in the last six years and consistently below the national average. Of those drivers totally ejected from their vehicle, 96.9 percent were not wearing their seat belts. Of those partially ejected, 54.8 percent were not wearing seat belts. Of those not ejected, 95.8% were wearing seat belts.

Every day someone dies in a crash in Missouri because they weren't buckled up, so the SPD will be enforcing seat belt laws to ensure motorists are buckling up.

Seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For information on Missouri seatbelt usage, visit www.saveMOlives.com.

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