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The DeKalb Police Department Joins Illinois ‘Click It or Ticket’ Campaign To Save Lives

The DeKalb Police Department today announced it is stepping up enforcement for the Memorial Day “Click It or Ticket” campaign that will run May 19-30 and reminds motorists to buckle up for safety. “Click It or Ticket” leverages education and enforcement to save lives.

“Seat belts have proven to be lifesaving in the event of a crash,” said Cmdr. Chad McNett. “Unfortunately, many people still don’t buckle up. Worse yet, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that can be passed on to younger generations who follow the example set by adults.”

Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of summer, a popular time for traveling to visit family and friends. Whether you are traveling down the block or across the country, make sure you buckle up every time. Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45%.

While Illinois currently has a 93% seat belt use compliance rate, unbelted occupants still account for more than half of those killed in motor vehicle crashes. The simple click of a seat belt could save thousands of lives each year.

Looking back to April, The DeKalb Police Department stepped up enforcement of “Distracted Driving”. Thirty-two tickets were issued for handsfree law violations, speeding, and other traffic offenses. April’s increased enforcement was implemented to help motorists avoid the often-deadly consequences of distracted driving.

The “Click It or Ticket” and “Distracted Driving” campaigns are administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds.

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