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Once again this May, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety in partnership with Delaware's law enforcement community will conduct the *Click It or Ticket* campaign. Click It or Ticket is a high visibility, public awareness and enforcement campaign designed to increase seat belt use among Delaware motorists. This highly successful highway safety initiative is conducted nationwide each year in May and involves law enforcement and safety officials nationwide.

The goal of the Click It or Ticket campaign is to save lives and reduce injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes by increasing Delaware's seat belt usage rate. National studies show that wearing a seat belt improves your chance of surviving a crash by approximately 50%. Although seat belt use in Delaware is at an all time high, still, nearly 70% of people killed in traffic crashes so far this year were not buckled up. It's possible that as many as nine of the 18 unbelted victims could have survived if they'd only buckled up. Each person killed as a result of a traffic crash is a tragic loss, made even more so by knowing that a simple action on their part may have saved them.

Click It or Ticket involves the use of Traffic Safety Checkpoints and Patrols to enforce Delaware's seat belt law. State, county and municipal police agencies will conduct daily enforcement activities statewide from May 10th through the 25th. An intense public information and education campaign will run concurrently with the enforcement blitz to inform the public of the benefits of seat belt use and the specifics of the law. Delaware's law requires EVERYONE in the vehicle to buckle up – even those in the back seat. The fine for violations is \$25, plus court costs, and that ticket goes to the driver no matter who in the vehicle is unbelted.

Delaware's current seat belt use rate is 91% and our goal is to see that rate continue to increase. This year's campaign will include an emphasis on increasing seat belt use at night, when the risk of being killed in a crash triples, as well as increasing seat belt use among our youngest drivers.

So please, protect yourself and the people you care about. Wear your seat belt. And remember...Click It or Ticket.