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Orange County Sheriff's Office Launches *Click It or Ticket* Enforcement Mobilization *Cracking Down to Save Lives- Day or Night*

Goshen, N.Y.- Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois is joining state and local law enforcement agencies and highway safety groups in supporting an aggressive national **Click It or Ticket** seat belt enforcement campaign from May 21, 2018 through June 3, 2018. Deputies will be ticketing unbelted vehicle occupants around the clock—night and day.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office will be conducting occupant restraint checkpoints within Orange County and local municipalities. **Buckle Up NY, Click It or Ticket** is a statewide, zero-tolerance enforcement effort funded by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to increase seat belt usage in New York State. In addition to occupant restraints, other aggressive and unsafe driving offenses will be cited, such as cell phone, texting, tailgating, speeding and red light/stop sign violations.

- Sheriff DuBois added, "Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes," and added, "When worn correctly, seat belts have been proven to substantially reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants." According to the 2017 Highway Safety Annual Report, 1,025 traffic fatalities were recorded in 2016 in New York State, with 11,501 serious injuries reported in the same year. Each year over 30,000 people are killed in motor vehicle crashes.
- In addition to the loss of life, motor vehicle crashes are extremely costly, with an average of \$1.59 billion in costs to New York each year between medical costs and work loss costs.
- Seat belts are the single most effective piece of safety equipment in a vehicle, yet observational studies show that nearly one out of five Americans still fails to wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a

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motor vehicle. Seat belts clearly save lives, but unfortunately too many folks still need a tough reminder, so we are going to be out in force buckling down on those who are not buckled up.

- According to a 2017 Highway Safety Annual Report: In 2017, New York's seat belt use rate reached an all-time high of 93.41%; 2017 also marked the eighth year in a row that New York's statewide use rate exceeded 90%.

Who must wear seat belts?

- In the front seat, the driver and each passenger must wear a seat belt, one person per belt. The driver and front-seat passengers aged 16 or older can each be fined for failure to buckle up.
- Every occupant, regardless of age or seating position, of a motor vehicle being operated by the holder of a Class-DJ Learner Permit, a Limited Class-DJ, or Class-DJ Driver License must be restrained by a safety restraint.
- Each passenger under age 16 must wear a seat belt or use an appropriate child safety restraint system. The restraint system must comply with the child height and weight recommendations determined by the manufacturer. Depending on the size of the child, the restraint system may be a safety seat or a booster seat used in combination with a lap and shoulder belt.
- The driver must make sure that each passenger under the age 16 obey the law. The driver can be fined and receive three driver license penalty points for each violation.
- Seat belt use is not required in emergency vehicles, 1964 or older vehicles, or by passengers in buses other than school buses (seat belt use may be required by the school district). Rural letter Carriers are also exempt while they are delivering mail.
- Effective November 24, 2009, all children under the age of 8 (until the child's 8th birthday) must be restrained in an appropriate child restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle.
- New legislation effective November 1, 2019 requires children from birth to age two to ride in a proper child restraint facing the rear of the vehicle.
- New legislation effective November 1, 2017 requires operators of taxis or liveries to be restrained by a safety belt. The law also requires any person over the age of sixteen riding as a passenger in the front seat of a taxi or livery to be restrained.
- An appropriate child restraint system is one that meets the child's size and weight and the specifications of the manufacturer of such system. A child restraint system may be a child safety seat, harness, vest or a booster seat. The vehicle's safety belt alone is NOT a child restraint system.

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