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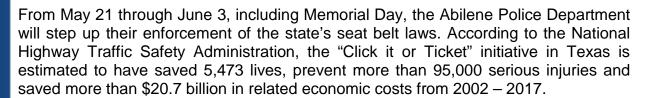
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APD Takes Part in Click it or Ticket Initiative for Memorial Day Holiday

ABILENE, TX – The Abilene Police Department is joining forces with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and other law enforcement agencies across Texas in the "Click it or Ticket" Initiative. The purpose of the Campaign is to increase awareness that using seat belts saves lives and to reduce the number of crash-related fatalities and injuries through the use of seat-belts.



Statewide seat belt use continues to increase, reaching nearly 92 percent for 2017, yet 927 unbuckled Texans still died in traffic crashes last year. TxDOT's "Click it or Ticket" campaign reminds drivers and passengers that wearing a seat belt is the single most effective step they can take to protect themselves in a crash. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of dying in a crash by 45 percent. That number jumps to 60 percent for pickup trucks.

Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be properly buckled up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than eight must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they are not properly restrained, the driver faces fines of up to \$250, plus court costs.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin
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