



Click It or Ticket

Countryside Police participate in aggressive seat belt enforcement campaign

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COUNTRYSIDE, Ill. – Countryside officers will be out making sure drivers and passengers buckle up before hitting the road.

Countryside Police Department is joining other law enforcement agencies in an aggressive national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization to increase seat belt use and reduce highway fatalities.

“We will be out making sure our drivers and passengers are buckled up,” said Police Chief Timothy Swanson. “We want to do whatever we can to keep our roads in Countryside safe. So please buckle up every time.”

The Click It or Ticket program campaign will take place until June 1 but motorists are asked to buckle up each time they are in a 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,” Swanson said. “Wearing your seat belt costs you nothing, but not wearing it certainly will. So unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse – your life — please remember to buckle up.”

Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. In 2006, 72 percent of passenger vehicle occupants involved in a fatal crash who were buckled up survived the crashes, and that when worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent – and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs, and minivans.

Yet nearly one in five Americans (18% nationally) still fail to regularly wear their seat belts when driving or riding in motor vehicles, according to NHTSA’s observational seat belt studies.

