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The Mosinee Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 23 to June 5

The Mosinee Police Department will join hundreds of other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement campaign from May 23 to June 5.

“We are serious about safety belt enforcement because far too many unbuckled drivers and passengers are killed or injured in traffic crashes,” says Chief Ken Muelling.

“During the Click It or Ticket mobilization and throughout the year, our goal is not to write more tickets. Through enforcement and education, we’re determined to get people to buckle up every time they drive or ride in a vehicle.”

Although the state’s safety belt use rate of 86 percent is the highest ever, approximately half of the drivers and passengers killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes last year were not wearing safety belts. In addition, last year there were nearly 55,000 convictions for failure to fasten a seat belt.

No matter if it’s day or night, or a short trip or a long journey, everyone in a vehicle must buckle up. Passengers need to wear a safety belt in the rear seats as well as the front seats. Buckling up is the best possible protection against being ejected from a vehicle during a crash or thrown around violently inside it and possibly hitting another person in the vehicle with massive force.