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Click It or Ticket to Boost Seat Belt Use – Day and Night Corsicana Texas 2013 High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign Begins May 20, 2013

Corsicana Texas- As motorists take to the roads this Memorial Day holiday, Corsicana police are urging everyone to buckle up. Beginning **May 20, 2013**, law enforcement officials will be out in full force, taking part in the 2013 national *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement mobilization and cracking down on motorists who are not belted.

“As we kick-off the busy summer driving season it’s important that everyone buckles up every time they go out, both day and night – no excuses,” said Captain Nori Rhodes “Our officers are prepared to ticket anyone who is not wearing their seat belt – *Click It or Ticket.*”

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), **52** percent of the **21,253** passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. As noted, deaths involving seat belt nonuse are more prevalent at night than during the daytime. According to NHTSA, **62** percent of the **10,135** passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 during the overnight hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

In 2011 Navarro County had two fatality accidents, one of which the occupant was not wearing their seatbelt.

“Seat belts save thousands of lives every year, but far too many motorists are still not buckling up, especially at night when the risk of getting in a crash is even greater,” said Corsicana Police Captain Nori Rhodes. “We

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want everyone to have a safe summer, but it requires an important step on the part of motorists – clicking that seat belt.”

In 2011, seat belts saved an estimated **11,949** lives nationwide according to NHTSA. While this year’s *Click It or Ticket* enforcement mobilization runs from May 20 through June 2, officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

For more on the national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.