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North Fond du Lac Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement May 18 - May 31

The North Fond du Lac Police Department will team up with hundreds of law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement mobilization May 18th through May 31st, according to Sgt. Colette Jaeger.

“During Click It or Ticket, our officers will concentrate on safety belt violations, including night-time hours when use of safety belts declines,” said Sgt. Jaeger. “Our goal during the mobilization is not to write more tickets but to save lives and reduce injuries through voluntary compliance with Wisconsin’s mandatory safety belt law. However, if you are stopped by an officer and are not buckled up, you will get a ticket whether you’re driving or just a passenger. We won’t accept excuses, and you won’t get a warning.”

Consistent safety belt use is the single most effective protection against being ejected from a vehicle or thrown around violently inside it during a crash. An estimated 237 lives were saved by safety belt use in Wisconsin in 2007, and 100 percent safety belt use could have saved an additional 137 lives, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

“Far too many people are killed or injured needlessly everyday because they were not buckled up,” said Sgt. Jaeger. “Our ultimate goal is to reduce the number of preventable traffic deaths to zero in Wisconsin. That’s why we urge you to buckle up every time you get behind the wheel or ride in a vehicle. However, if you ignore the law and common sense, we’ll be ready to provide you with a very convincing reminder.”

During this campaign, the North Fond du Lac Police Department also urges those traveling with children 8 years of age and younger to have your child passenger safety seats inspected and properly installed. Sgt. Jaeger is certified through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. She can provide this important service free of charge. Sgt. Jaeger can be contacted at 920-906-5555 or by email at cjaeger@nfdl.org.