



Connecticut's *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization May 23 – June 5, 2011

Seat Belt Use (CT Department Of Transportation)

- Currently 88.2% of drivers in Connecticut use seat belts.
- On any given day, approximately 300,000 drivers in CT are not using their safety belts.
- Four out of every 10 occupants involved in a fatal car crash in Connecticut did not use their seat belts. At night, this number increases to six of every 10 occupants involved in a fatal crash not using their safety belts.
- For every percentage point increase in seat belt use in Connecticut, an additional 27,000 people would buckle up.

Cost of Motor Vehicle Deaths (Center for Disease Control and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

- Motor vehicle deaths are the leading killer of children, teens and young adults (ages 5-34) and among the top ten causes of death for all ages.
- If Connecticut's belt use rate reached 90 percent, an additional 7 lives would be saved and 300 injuries prevented each year, saving the state \$49 million in societal costs.*
- Crash-related death costs Connecticut citizens \$263 million per year in lost work and medical expenses.

Click It or Ticket 2011

- 'Click It or Ticket' has helped increase the observed national belt usage rate which rose to an all-time high of 85 percent in 2010, up from just 58 percent in 1994.
- Thousands of state and local law enforcement and highway safety officials across the nation will participate in the national *Click It or Ticket* enforcement mobilization from May 23 to June 5.
- Because nighttime drivers tend to have lower seat belt use rates and as a result more likely to be injured or killed in a crash, the 2011 mobilization will include round-the-clock enforcement.

*The cost components include productivity losses, medical costs, rehabilitation costs, legal and court costs, emergency services (such as medical, police, and fire services), insurance administration costs, and the costs to employers.