

NEWS RELEASE**May 20, 2004****Prospect Resident State Trooper's Office to Intensify
Enforcement of Safety Belt & Child Safety Seat Laws**

The Prospect Resident State Trooper's Office will be continuing their high visibility seatbelt enforcement effort under the banner "**No Excuses. Buckle Up...It's the Law. It's Enforced**", which is a statewide campaign to increase the use of safety belts and child safety seats. "With the 2004 Summer Holiday Season upon us, Connecticut's law enforcement agencies intend to promote safe driving and increase the protection of all motorists." State and Local Police will be out on the road enforcing the State occupant protection laws and issuing citations to those who are unbuckled. This time of year, as we are preparing for summer festivities, no one wants to think about unpleasant matters- especially those as unpleasant as traffic crashes. With family gatherings, barbecues and visits with friends and family, travel is greatly increased. It is important to remind the motoring public of the three basic rules of highway safety. Always buckle up. Obey posted speed limits. Never drink and drive.

During this holiday safe driving campaign, motorists are being reminded that State and local police will be enforcing safety belt laws, child safety seat, speed and DUI laws the entire summer season. The intent of this enforcement effort is to remind motorists to always use good highway safety sense, especially during this highly traveled holiday season.

"Obviously, no one wants to face the holidays with the loss of a loved one," said TFC Nelson Abarzua. "We are anticipating that increased awareness and enforcement will assist us in having a fatality free holiday season." TFC Nelson Abarzua is also reminding the motoring public that courteous driving and making sure the driver is well rested can help in achieving increased highway safety.

Help the Prospect Resident State Trooper's Office make the summer holiday travel period safe for all. Good highway safety practices are something we can all live with.

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