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Media Advisory

Memorial Weekend Seatbelt Enforcement

The nationwide “Click it or Ticket” seat belt awareness and enforcement campaign is planned for May 21-June 3, 2012. During this time, Department of Public Safety-Nevada Highway Patrol is joining with other state and local law enforcement officers from northeast Nevada to help save more lives by strongly enforcing seat belt laws.

“Seatbelts saves lives,” says Trooper Jim Stewart with the Nevada Highway Patrol. “It only takes two seconds to put it on. There will be a lot of traffic this Memorial Day weekend and we want everyone to get to their destination safely.”

Although recent surveys have indicated that approximately 94 percent of all motorists in Nevada were wearing a seat belt in 2011, that still leaves approximately 180,000 Nevadans unrestrained in motor vehicles. Another disturbing fact is that nearly 50 percent of the 61 fatalities this year in automobile crashes in Nevada were not wearing seat belts*. (*Nevada Office of Traffic Safety)

The following law enforcement agencies will be working together:
Nevada Highway Patrol
Elko, Westwendover, and Winnemucca Police Department’s
Ely, Lander and Humbolt Country Sheriff’s Departments

So remember to be safe this holiday weekend and put your seatbelt on.
Don’t be a statistic. It only takes 2 seconds to buckle up.

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