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Media Release

Law Enforcement Statewide will be "Joining Forces" to Crack Down on Seat Belt Violations

Department of Public Safety, Nevada Highway Patrol will be looking for motorists and occupants who are not buckled up while traveling Nov 14 – Dec 10, 2016. During this time, the **Nevada Highway Patrol** will be *Joining Forces* watching for drivers and other occupants in vehicles who are not wearing their seatbelts and/or children who are not properly secured in car or booster seat(s). Deputies, Officers, and Nevada State Troopers will be stopping drivers for traffic offenses and issuing citations for seatbelt violations if unbuckled. Seat belts are for protection, and the high-visibility enforcement mobilization to crack down on violators is not about increasing revenue – it's about saving lives.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) 12,584 lives were saved by wearing seat-belts, yet 49 percent of occupants who were killed in 2013 weren't restrained. The **Nevada Highway Patrol** wants to encourage everyone who is traveling during this holiday season to please buckle up.

Law Enforcement within the State of Nevada continues to see senseless deaths and injuries sustained from car crashes that can be avoided by simply wearing your seatbelt. It only takes two seconds to put your seatbelt on to help save your life, please buckle your seatbelt every time you get into a vehicle.

For resources and safety tips on why you should wear your seatbelt, please visit: http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com/always-buckle-up/.

For more information on *Joining Forces* and other statewide Traffic Safety Programs, please visit http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com. Follow Zero Fatalities Nevada on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and @ZeroFatalitiesNV on Instagram.

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