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MURFREESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT INCREASES SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT DURING NATIONAL “CLICK IT OR TICKET” MOBILIZATION

Murfreesboro, TN - The Murfreesboro Police Department, in cooperation with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) and local law enforcement agencies, will participate in the summer 2019 "Click It or Ticket" campaign in an effort to save lives.

Participating agencies from across the state will increase seat belt enforcement as part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) nationwide mobilization. "Click It or Ticket," is running from May 20 to June 2.

In 2018, 299 people, who were not wearing a seat belt, died in traffic crashes in Tennessee, according to Tennessee's Integrated Traffic Analysis Network (TITAN).

According to NHTSA, in 2017, there were 10,076 unbuckled occupants killed in vehicle crashes in the U.S. During the same year, 55-percent of passenger vehicle occupants were killed at night between the hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. That's the main reason "Click It or Ticket" enforcement is usually conducted at night, but law enforcement officers will also write citations during the daytime.

"Buckling up is the law," said Murfreesboro Police Chief Michael Bowen. "A few seconds to do this simple task can save countless lives."

For more information about seat belt safety or the THSO, visit www.tntrafficsafety.org.

