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Click It or Ticket Underway in Christiansburg

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(Christiansburg, Virginia)- It's *Click It or Ticket* time and Christiansburg Police are again encouraging drivers and passengers to buckle up.

During the annual seatbelt enforcement mobilization program, law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth are cracking down on motorists who fail to obey all traffic laws, including seat belt and child safety seat use.

Christiansburg police officers, as well as other law enforcement officers across the country, will have zero tolerance for traffic violations and will aggressively enforce all traffic laws in an effort to encourage drivers and passengers to buckle up.

“We need to continue to make the case that seat belts really do work,” said Major Dalton Reid. “We will do that by hitting the roads and enforcing all traffic laws 24/7, no excuses, no warnings, and we will be paying particular attention to seat belt use.”

Virginia Law allows law enforcement to cite anyone driving a car in which an occupant under age 18 is not wearing a safety belt or is not properly secured in a child safety seat. The law also provides that drivers stopped for other violations can be cited if they are not properly restrained. This also applies to all front seat passengers.

Virginia has seen a steady decline in traffic related fatalities in recent years, yet preliminary data from 2010 indicates 314 fatal crashes involved people were not wearing seat belts.

According to a study conducted by Old Dominion University in 2010, drivers in southwest Virginia currently have the lowest seat-belt usage rate in the Commonwealth at 71.4%.

In addition to saving the cost of a ticket, you may even save a life.

Click It or Ticket is underway through June 6th.

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