

# Click It or Ticket -- day and night

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Have you ever thought of your personal vehicle as a weapon? Although it may seem harmless while sitting in your driveway, when out of your control those thousands of pounds of steel can quickly become a threat to your life.

In fact, an average of 93 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes every day of 2009. And those daily tragedies added up to 33,808 people killed, not to mention 2,217,000 people injured. Our streets and highways should not be overcome with more casualties than a battlefield!

Let's take a stand to prevent motor vehicle fatalities on our base as well as across the state. The Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization is returning from May 23 through June 5, where law enforcement will be out in full force to encourage drivers and passengers to

buckle up. Both locally and nationwide, police will be fully mobilized and on the lookout for those not following state seat belt laws. Anyone caught without their seat belt buckled will face a ticket.

Don't be one of them. Make buckling up automatic. Each time you put on your seat belt, you help fight the war against unnecessary loss of life in motor vehicle crashes. Buckling up is so effortless -- and proven effective year after year. From 1975 through 2009, seat belts saved the lives of an estimated 267,890 passenger vehicle occupants (ages 5 and older)!

Whether you're a driver or passenger, on base or off duty, driving during the day or night -- wearing a seat belt is the easiest way to protect yourself from death or injury in a crash. So why take the risk of driving unbuckled?

Rest assured, if you don't buckle up, base law enforcement will be prepared to help remind you, with a ticket.