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Click It or Ticket Mobilization Strives to Save Lives - HPD Reports Results for Two-Week Effort

Harrisonburg, VA. Harrisonburg Police Department officers worked more than 167 hours of overtime during the recent, two-week Click It or Ticket mobilization. During this campaign, they issued 294 citations to include 32 for seat belt and child safety seat violations, and 126 speeding tickets. In addition, 24 unlicensed/suspended drivers were cited. The campaign also netted 2 drug arrests.

More than 500 local law enforcement officers and Virginia state troopers participated in the annual Click It campaign, which focuses on seat belt and child safety seat violations in an effort to prevent traffic deaths. "We'd like everyone to buckle up voluntary and comply with the law, but if they don't, we will issue them a citation that may save their life in the future," said HPD **Traffic Officer Justin Joiner**. "Seat belts are the single most effective traffic safety device for preventing death during a crash," Joiner added.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belts really do save lives. From 2008 to 2012, they saved nearly 63,000 lives nationwide. And in 2012 in the United States, an additional 3,031 lives could have been saved if all unrestrained occupants involved in fatal crashes had worn their seat belts. Last year in Virginia, 52 percent of all traffic fatalities, or 256 deaths, were unrestrained drivers and passengers.

The next national and statewide Click It or Ticket mobilization will be during the last week in November as part of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please wear your seat belt - and encourage others to do the same. We can save lives!

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