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NEWS RELEASE

Click It or Ticket Campaign is Unofficial Start to Summer

Buffalo Grove, IL. – As summer approaches and vehicle travel increases for area residents, Buffalo Grove Police are partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to remind motorists to *Click It or Ticket*.

A seat belt enforcement campaign will run during the Memorial Day holiday period from May 10 through 28, 2019 which includes one of the busiest holiday travel weekends of the year. *Click It or Ticket* enforces the proper use of seatbelts and car seats to keep all motorists and passengers safe.

“Our police officers see firsthand the tragedies that can occur when people do not buckle up,” said Traffic Sergeant Michelle Kondrat. “It’s such a simple and effective way to protect yourself while traveling. As the Memorial Day weekend approaches, we want to make sure people are doing everything they can to stay safe.”

In Illinois, nearly 95-percent of motorists use seat belts, but a disproportionate number of fatalities still involve unbelted motorists and passengers. Statistics show that seat belt use decreases even more for back seat passengers and for those who travel at night.

Buffalo Grove Police will be taking a ‘no excuses approach’ and writing citations day and night. Motorists and passengers not wearing seat belts will be ticketed, and those who are caught driving impaired will be arrested.

“Please help us spread this life-saving message before one more friend or family member is killed, because they failed to buckle up,” said Sergeant Kondrat. “Seat belts save lives, and every vehicle occupant—front seat and back, child and adult—needs to remember to buckle up for every trip, every time.”

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, visit BuckleUpIllinois.org.

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