



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### National Click It or Ticket Campaign 2011 – Are You Buckled Up?

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will join other nationwide law enforcement agencies and highway safety advocates all across the country for the 2011 National **Click It or Ticket** seatbelt enforcement mobilization, May 1, 2011 through June 5, 2011.

During the mobilization, officers will cite motorists who fail to wear their seatbelts. Deputies will be vigilant and take enforcement action during the day and at night. In addition, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will partner with the Charles and Calvert County Sheriff's Offices, and the Maryland State Police, in conducting seatbelt checkpoints during the campaign.

Because nighttime passenger vehicle occupants are among those least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes when unrestrained, nighttime enforcement has become a priority of the **Click It or Ticket** mobilization.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2009, 11,593 passenger vehicle occupants died in motor vehicle crashes nationwide between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.

"Nighttime traffic deaths can be prevented if motorists simply buckle up. We strongly support prevention, education and enhanced nighttime enforcement of seatbelt laws, not only during the **Click It or Ticket** campaign, but year round. Please buckle up and encourage your loved ones to do the same." (Sheriff Timothy Cameron)

