

# NEWS RELEASE

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### *Click It or Ticket* To Help Save Lives

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The Winter Park Police Department will be joining state and local law enforcement agencies all across the nation for the “2015 Click It or Ticket” seat belt enforcement wave. Stepped-up law enforcement activities will be conducted during this enforcement wave which runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>. Day or night, local law enforcement officers will be on the lookout for those not wearing their seat belts—and for good reason.

In 2012, 61 percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m. - 5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. Young adults are dying at a disproportionate rate. Sixty-two percent of 18- to 34-year-old passenger vehicle occupants were killed in crashes while **NOT** wearing their seat belts. Among fatally injured passenger vehicle occupants, almost half (49%) of those killed in 2013 were unrestrained.

Ejection from a vehicle is one of the most dangerous events that can happen to a person in a crash. In fatal crashes in 2012, 79 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants who were totally ejected from vehicles were killed. Seat belts are effective in preventing total ejections; only 1 percent of the occupants reported to have been using restraints were totally ejected.

Regrettably, seat belt discussions too often revolve around adults in the front seats of vehicles. Child safety seats are often overlooked. Kids must be buckled as well. Your child seat can be installed by certified personnel at the Winter Park Police Department by appointment at no cost.

The Winter Park Police Department encourages everyone to wear their seatbelts and use proper child safety equipment at all times, but is asking drivers to have a heightened sense of awareness not just during the enforcement campaign, but at all times. Remember from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>: It's ***Click It or Ticket***. Buckle up and encourage your loved ones to do the same. You'll save the cost of a ticket, **\$114**, and may even save a life.

(Source: NHTSA)