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Click It or Ticket Campaign Results

June 3, 2014 - The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released its 2013 analysis of motorists and passengers using safety restraints, and Oregon topped the list with 98.2 percent usage. The results are from probability-based observational surveys conducted by 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories.

We are seeing the impact of wearing safety belts in the reduced numbers of people being injured or killed in crashes on our roads. In 2012, 61 of the 198 passenger motor vehicle occupants killed were not wearing seatbelts. In 2011, that number was 99 of 226 occupants killed. The unbuckled fatality trend is decreasing.

The NHTSA report shows that over the years, observed seat belt use in Oregon has grown from 94.1% in 2006 to 2013's record 98.2%. The goal is 100%.

Through June 1st, 90 law enforcement agencies around the state participated in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* campaign.

Washington County Sheriff's Office reported the following during the campaign:

Total traffic stops: 785

Total citations: 527

Total warnings: 422 (Some associated with citations)

Total Seatbelt citations: 148

Speeding Driver citations: 152

Cell Phone/Texting citations: 100

Driving with a Suspended License or No License citations: 31

Additional citations to include Registration, Driving, and Equipment violations: 96

The next *Click It or Ticket* campaign will occur in August.