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PRESS RELEASE

Click It or Ticket:

The GJPD will buckle down on those not buckled up – especially teens

(Grand Junction, CO) – The Grand Junction Police Department will participate with other local and state law enforcement agencies this week to step up seat belt enforcement and save lives. Special attention will be given to teenage drivers during ***Click It or Ticket, May 12- 18, 2008*** and will continue for all of the general public from May 19th to June 1st, 2008.

The focus will be on teen drivers and passengers because they are among those least likely to always wear their seat belt.

The goal of *Click It or Ticket* is to increase seat belt use and save lives on our highways. In 2006, 386 drivers and passengers died on Colorado highways and 233 (60%) of them weren't buckled up. Teens are particularly at risk. Last year, nearly 70 percent of teens killed in traffic crashes were not wearing seat belts.

It's the law in Colorado for all drivers under 18 and their passengers to wear seat belts. It is also the law for all adult and front seat passengers to wear seat belts, and to make sure children are properly restrained in child safety seats.

Colorado law allows officers to pull over teenage drivers for not wearing a seatbelt. However adult drivers can only be cited for not wearing a seatbelt if they are stopped for another primary traffic violation.

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