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CLICK IT OR TICKET

As the Memorial Day holiday approaches, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is announcing its participation in the annual *Click It or Ticket* campaign. This national campaign by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is a high-visibility enforcement effort that runs from May 20 to June 2, 2019.

According to NHTSA, in 2017, there were 10,076 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In that same year, 55 percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. In Florida, the maximum penalty for a seat belt violation is \$115.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is reminding our neighbors that seat belts help save lives, and too often occupants of vehicles forget about the impact a seatbelt can make in their own safety.

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov/ciot.

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