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Lincoln Police Support *Click It or Ticket*

The Lincoln Police will join more than 230 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in support of the Massachusetts Spring 2007 *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization. This statewide initiative combines extra traffic enforcement, public information, and community outreach to reduce motor vehicle-related fatalities, injuries, and economic loss.

With \$1.3 million in federal highway safety funds, the Executive Office of Public Safety will conduct this *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization from May 14 to June 3.

Over 12,000 law enforcement agencies will participate in similar *Click It or Ticket* efforts across the nation.

“This *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization is an opportunity for all of us to remember the importance of driving sober and well-rested, to obey speed limits, as well as all other traffic laws, and to always buckle-up,” said Chief Mooney of the Lincoln Police Department.

Since its first *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization in November 2002, Massachusetts has seen its safety belt use increase 16% to a record high of 67% in 2006. However Massachusetts still lags behind the 2006 national safety belt use rate of 81%.

Safety belt use reduces the risk of death or serious injuries in a motor vehicle crash by up to 50%. Increasing the use of safety belts, booster seats, and child safety seats is one of the major ways to reduce the more than 400 fatalities, 5,000 serious injuries, and \$6.3 billion in related costs from motor vehicle crashes each year in Massachusetts. Any one with questions regarding the proper use or installation of child safety restraints is urged to contact Officer Gallo of the Lincoln Police Department.(781-259-8113).