



# Pasadena Police Department

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### **Click It or Ticket Campaign**

The Memorial Day weekend marks the start of the summer driving season and to help make the summer safer for everyone, Texas law enforcement officers will take part in the annual “Click It or Ticket” campaign. From May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be increasing our efforts to pull over and ticket drivers and passengers who are not buckled up.

According to recent crash data from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), more than 900 people were killed last year in crashes on Texas roads who weren't wearing seatbelts. The Harris County area leads the state in the lowest usage of seatbelts thus resulting in more serious injury accidents. In 2017 more than 2,558 people who failed to wear their seat belts were killed or seriously injured. Simply remembering to put on your seat belt increases your chances of surviving a crash by 45-60%. All occupants of a vehicle are required to wear a seatbelt. Children under the age of eight are required to be in a car seat or booster seat, and it is suggested that children not be moved to a regular seatbelt until they are at least four-foot nine-inches tall.

“We don't enjoy handing out tickets, but sometimes that's what it takes for people to get the message about the importance of wearing a seat belt day or night, front seat or back,” said Al Espinoza, Chief of Police. “We would much rather give a ticket to unbuckled motorists than have to notify their next of kin when they are killed in a crash.”

The Pasadena Police Department would like to remind everyone to buckle up – it could save a life.

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