

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Chatham County Police Department Supporting Governor's Office of Highway Safety Thanksgiving 'Click It or Ticket' Campaign

**Chatham County, GA (November 19, 2019)** – The Chatham County Police Department is one of numerous law enforcement agencies around Georgia that will be supporting the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Thanksgiving 'Click It or Ticket' campaign.

The effort is designed to promote the importance of wearing seat belts during all auto travel. The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year, and law enforcement hopes to reduce the number of traffic deaths by increasing the number of people wearing seat belts.

Statistics provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety clearly show the importance of wearing seat belts:

--In 2017, 365 people were killed nationwide during the Thanksgiving holiday travel period.

--In 2018, 15 people died on Georgia roadways during the Thanksgiving holiday travel period.

--Research shows that wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of a fatal injury during a crash by 45 percent.

One of the best things you can do to make sure you and your passengers arrive at your destination safely is to wear a seat belt, regardless of whether you're running a holiday errand down the street or traveling cross-country to visit family.

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