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**For Immediate Release**

**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Launches Enforcement  
Blitz to Save Lives on Virginia's Roadways**  
*Special 'Click It or Ticket' Enforcement Mobilization  
Aims to Increase Seat Belt Use*

**Yorktown** – This March, York-Poquoson Sheriff's Deputies will be cracking down on motorists not wearing their seat belts with a special "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization in an effort to save more lives on Virginia's roadways.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 62 percent of all passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes in Virginia during 2006, were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash.

The Sheriff's Office will be out in force with other State and local law enforcement agencies ticketing all motorists not buckled up on Virginia's roadways. Special seat belt checkpoints and other stepped-up law enforcement activities will be conducted during a heavy wave of enforcement, March 16-22.

Regular use of seat belts clearly saves lives. Sheriff J. D. "Danny" Diggs said regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. He said when lap/shoulder belts are worn correctly; seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants.

For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm](http://www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm).

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