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Hudson County Sheriff's Office to participate in the national *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization May 22 – June 4, 2017

(Jersey City) -- Hudson County Sheriff Frank Schillari announced that the Hudson County Sheriff's Office, will participate in the national *Click It or Ticket* campaign in an effort to save lives through increased seat belt use. This enforcement period comes ahead of the Memorial Day holiday, one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

Beginning May 22 and running through June 4, as part of the annual "Click It or Ticket" national campaign. Extra officers from the Sheriff's Office will be roving the County specifically looking for drivers and passengers who aren't wearing their seatbelts.

In addition to the increased enforcement on roads throughout the county, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is aiming to increase campaign participation even more by coordinating a "Coast to Coast" seat belt enforcement effort. As part of this effort the Sheriff's Office will also focus on interstate corridors and main arteries that lead out of the state, such as Rt-440, Rt-495, and Rt. 1&9.

"My Office remains committed to traffic safety," said Sheriff Schillari, "In 2015, it is estimated that 14,000 lives were saved nationally by the proper use of seat belts. Seat belts save lives, there is no doubt about it."

Sheriff Schillari added "That front seat belt usage rate in New Jersey currently stands at 93.35%. However, adults riding in rear seats are buckling up at a significantly lower rate. "People feel they don't need to buckle up when riding as a passenger in rear seats, and this is a concern, it is just as important to wear your seat belt in the back seat. Everyone in the car needs to wear a seatbelt." he said.

During the 2016 "Click it or Ticket" campaign, 387 New Jersey police agencies participated in the two-week initiative. As a result of the effort, law enforcement officers issued 26,551 seat belt citations, 5,517 speeding summonses and made 876 impaired driving arrests. The Sheriff's Office wrote 309 seat belt summonses during last year's campaign.