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WEAR SAFETY BELTS



Updates from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

The 2011 Seatbelt Education & Enforcement Campaign, "Buckle Up. No Excuses!" took place from May 23 to June 5, 2011. This year seventy-four (74) agencies participated in the event and conducted educational and enforcement details which focused on occupant protection. The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety awarded a total of \$135,373 to the eight (8) Maine State Police Troops, nine (9) County Sheriff's Offices and sixty-four (64) Municipal Departments to assist them in their education and enforcement efforts. With 90% of the agencies reporting as of this writing, the Officers, Deputies and Troopers worked a total of 3,495 detail hours and stopped 8,049 vehicles. Their combined enforcement efforts yielded the following:

- 3,126 Seat Belt Citations
- 11 Arrests for Impaired Driving
- 1,932 Seat Belt Warnings
- 32 Arrests for Various Warrants
- 258 Speeding Citations
- 33 Drug-related Arrests
- 1,100 Speeding Warnings
- 94 Arrests for Operating After Suspension
- 516 Citations for Other Moving and Non-Moving Violations
- 1,833 Warnings for Other Moving and Non-Moving

Violations

We greatly appreciate the efforts of every participating agency and their dedication to supporting the mission of the Bureau of Highway Safety.

The 2011 Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign is currently under way. The Campaign will run from July 1 through September 5, 2011. These dates will include the NHTSA High Visibility Impaired Driving Campaign which is scheduled for August 19 through September 5, 2011. Sixty-eight (68) agencies, including State, County and

Municipal departments are participating in high visibility sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols for the nine (9) week Campaign. The participating agencies requested a total of \$304,387 in grant funding from the Bureau of Highway Safety.

The Bureau is also currently administering \$95,000 in grant funding to 14 agencies for the purpose of conducting speed enforcement details in selected areas demonstrating a high volume of speed related crashes and fatalities. This project will continue throughout the summer months.



Lt. Kevin Lully, Augusta Police Dept., during a Seat Belt Enforcement Detail

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