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## **Foxborough Part of National Seatbelt Push**

Last year one person was killed and 70 were seriously injured in motor vehicle crashes in our community. Many of them were not wearing a seat belt. As someone who has responded to multiple crash scenes, in my career, I can't stress enough the importance of buckling up – every time, every trip – even the short ones. Wearing a seat belt will keep you from being ejected from the vehicle or thrown around inside the vehicle, potentially causing serious harm to you and any passengers.

From May 9 to May 23, our department will join with the Highway Safety Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, the Massachusetts State Police, and police departments across the country in the *Click It or Ticket* enforcement campaign.

In Massachusetts, the campaign is focused particularly on increasing seat belt usage among men ages 18-34, who have the lowest usage rate of any demographic group in the state. Many are under the mistaken belief that large vehicles like pickups and SUV's offer protection during a crash. Sadly, this is not the case. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 61 percent of pickup truck occupants killed in crashes were not buckled up.

No matter your age or gender, wearing a seat belt unquestionably increases your chance of surviving a serious crash or avoiding serious injury.

  
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