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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN 2009 SPRING CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

The Washington County Sheriff's Office recently participated in the 2009 Spring Click It or Ticket Mobilization and Route 7 & 11 Enforcement Blitz. This project, which involved law enforcement agencies from across the Commonwealth, began on May 18 and ran through May 31. The campaign focused on education, media, and strict enforcement of safety belt and child restraint usage, DUI and speeding violations.

High visibility saturation patrols and traffic safety checkpoints were conducted in various locations throughout Washington County during the 13-day enforcement event. Sheriff's deputies were out in force in Washington County to help insure a safe driving environment for the motoring public.

"There were no fatal accidents occurring in Washington County over the Memorial Day weekend," stated Sheriff Fred Newman. "This can be credited to the combined efforts of local and state law enforcement agencies working together to keep our highways safe."

A breakdown of violations included 465 speeding charges, 6 DUI arrests, 36 adult safety belt violations, 5 child restraint charges, 15 suspended driver charges, 15 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest, 5 uninsured motorist violations and 129 miscellaneous traffic charges. Sheriff's deputies worked their regular days off for pay during the enforcement project.

"Surveys conducted in Washington County before and after the enforcement project indicate that safety belt usage increased from 66% to 71%," said Sheriff Newman. "We all

know that using safety belts can greatly increase our chances of surviving a serious automobile crash.”

For more information on upcoming enforcement events, traffic safety, or to request speed enforcement in your community, contact First Sergeant Greg Hogston, Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Division, at 276-676-6006.