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Buckle Up Citrus County

(Citrus County) The Citrus County Sheriff's Office is participating in the National Click It or Ticket It campaign. The campaign began on Monday, May 21st and continues through Sunday, June 3rd.

Deputies will be enforcing the use of safety belts throughout the entire Memorial Day weekend and beyond. Drivers and passengers over the age of 18 can be cited. The driver will be charged with a seat belt violation to any passenger under the age of 18 who is not restrained by a safety belt.

Did you know buckling up reduces your risk of being injured or killed in a crash by almost 50 percent. "It should be automatic," says Sheriff Mike Prendergast. "Every time you get into a vehicle, no matter where you are sitting, buckle up. It only works if you use it. Not only is it the safest way to travel, but it's the law."

In a crash, your seat belt keeps you:

- From being ejected from the vehicle;
- From being thrown against other passengers, the steering wheel or the windshield;
- Behind the wheel where you can control the vehicle.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to remember to drive safe, wear your seat belt, refrain from distracted driving and watch out for our youth when on the roadways.