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Arrive Safely This Thanksgiving: Buckle Up!

Franklin Park, IL– As millions of motorists hit the road to celebrate Thanksgiving, Illinois law enforcement will be working around the clock to make sure holiday travelers are buckled up and driving safely. The Franklin Park Police Department is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Police to remind motorists to *Click It or Ticket*.

The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities. Correct seat-belt use is the most effective way to protect vehicle occupants. Drivers and passengers can expect a ticket if they are spotted without a seat belt. Stepped-up patrols and seat belt enforcement zones will be seen throughout Franklin Park and the state November 16-26, 2018.

Statistics show that nighttime driving comes with an increased risk for injury or death. Evening hours account for a higher percentage of alcohol-related crashes, a higher percentage of fatalities and a lower percentage of occupants wearing seat belts.

The *Click It or Ticket* enforcement effort is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.