MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PREPARED BY LT. LESLIE F. SONNÉ
351 Madison Street, Monterey CA 93940
(831) 646-3971
May 23, 2011 1:00 PM

Monterey Police Join California's 2011 *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization

Law enforcement throughout the state, including the Monterey Police Department, will be looking for unbelted drivers and passengers as part of the 2011 *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, May 23 – June 5. The fines and fees for first time adult seat belt violations is a minimum of $142. For children under 16, the fine is $445 for a first time offense.

Nighttime drivers and occupants are among those least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes when unrestrained; therefore, nighttime enforcement has become a priority of the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization. Nationwide, of those who died in nighttime crashes in 2009, nearly two-thirds (62 percent) were not wearing seat belts at the time of their fatal crashes. Many nighttime traffic deaths can be prevented if more motorists simply start wearing their seat belts.

The *Click It or Ticket* mobilization is credited with increasing California's adult seat belt usage rate from 92.5 percent in 2005 to 96.2 percent in 2010, but that still leaves nearly one million people who are not buckling up, putting their lives at risk every time they get into a car.

Inquiries can be made to Lt. Leslie F. Sonné, 831-646-3971, sonne@ci.monterey.ca.us.

(30)