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Harlingen PD Enhancing Patrols for Memorial Day

Harlingen, Texas– The Harlingen Police Department will join thousands of officers across Texas this Memorial Day Weekend to help keep City roadways safe and encourage safe driving practices.



It's part of the annual Click It or Ticket Campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. It runs from May 21, through Monday, June 3.

Harlingen Police Officers will be out in full force looking for seat belt violators,

speeders, and, drunk drivers.

The goal is to reduce the number of vehicle crash fatalities statewide. Last year during the Memorial Day Holiday enforcement, DPS reports almost 60,000 tickets and warnings, including more than 1,000 seat belt and child safety restraint tickets were issued statewide. Harlingen Police issued 54 citations for seat belt violations, eight child safety seat citations, one ticket for speeding, and made one DWI arrest.

Harlingen Police Chief Jeffrey Adickes says, "Driving is a privilege that can have detrimental consequences if not taken seriously. Driving impaired or without a seatbelt lessens your chance as well as the chance of innocent people to get home safe and that's what we're trying to avoid." Chief Adickes says violators can expect to be stopped, get a ticket and get arrested if they drive under the influence.

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He says people who fail to safely restrain their children as required by law can also expect to get a ticket. State law says everyone in a vehicle should be wearing a seatbelt. Children younger than eight years old must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they're taller than 4 feet 9 inches.

The Harlingen Police Department encourages all drivers to slow down, buckle up, drive sober, and think safety this Memorial Day Holiday.

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