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## **“Click it or Ticket” Seatbelt Enforcement Announcement**

The Torrance Police Department will be joining Police Departments throughout California and aggressively looking for drivers and passengers who don't buckle up during the 2008 “Click it or Ticket” seatbelt enforcement campaign, taking place May 12, 2008 through June 1, 2008.

According to the Office of Traffic Safety, California currently has the fourth highest seat belt use rate in the country at 94.6 %, although only 88.9 % of teens buckle up. Tickets for first seat belt violations range from \$80 to \$91 for adults, and \$330 to \$401 for children under age 16, depending on the county. California's goal this year is to increase seat belt use statewide.

The Torrance Police Department will be observing a zero tolerance towards those who do not buckle up while driving. The public should be aware that officers will be actively issuing citations for seat belt and car seat violations. The goal is to educate the public and gain compliance in an effort to reduce injuries and save lives.

Funding for the officer's overtime to support California's Click it or Ticket campaign is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Officers assigned to seat belt enforcement during the grant mobilization will be specifically targeting seat belt violations, which includes drivers, passengers, child safety seats, riding in beds of pickup trucks, and for failing to wear seat belts properly.

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