

# CPSO deputies to participate in seatbelt enforcement campaign

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Caddo deputies will participate in the national "Click it or Ticket" seatbelt campaign May 20 through June 2, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Deputies will be joining other law enforcement agencies around the country to step up enforcement of seatbelt laws. Locally, their overtime efforts will be paid for with funding provided by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC).

Caddo deputies will also be participating in a "Safety Checkpoint" during this campaign. The checkpoint will be held within the city limits of Shreveport and will be a joint effort by multiple agencies to help bring awareness to seatbelt safety.

In 2017, there were 10,076 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. Almost 57 percent of young adults (18 to 34) killed in crashes were completely unrestrained, and 59 percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed were not buckled up. In 2017, 51 percent of men killed in crashes were not buckled up, compared to 39 percent of women.

"By maintaining "Click It or Ticket" high visibility enforcement and awareness, we will continue to reduce seatbelt fatalities on Louisiana roads," Prator said. "There's no good excuse for not buckling up. Every trip. Every time. Buckle up."