



Abilene Police Department

News Release

NR 0515014

450 PECAN STREET – ABILENE, TX 79602 Ph: (325) 673-8331

Posted online at www.abilenepolice.org

Media Contact: Rick Tomlin, Public Information Coordinator

Ph: (325) 437-4529 Email: apdpio@abilenetx.gov

May 15, 2018

APD Takes Part in Click it or Ticket Initiative for Memorial Day Holiday

ABILENE, TX – The Abilene Police Department is joining forces with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and other law enforcement agencies across Texas in the “Click it or Ticket” Initiative. The purpose of the Campaign is to increase awareness that using seat belts saves lives and to reduce the number of crash-related fatalities and injuries through the use of seat-belts.

From May 21 through June 3, including Memorial Day, the Abilene Police Department will step up their enforcement of the state’s seat belt laws. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the “Click it or Ticket” initiative in Texas is estimated to have saved 5,473 lives, prevent more than 95,000 serious injuries and saved more than \$20.7 billion in related economic costs from 2002 – 2017.

Statewide seat belt use continues to increase, reaching nearly 92 percent for 2017, yet 927 unbuckled Texans still died in traffic crashes last year. TxDOT’s “Click it or Ticket” campaign reminds drivers and passengers that wearing a seat belt is the single most effective step they can take to protect themselves in a crash. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of dying in a crash by 45 percent. That number jumps to 60 percent for pickup trucks.

Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be properly buckled up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than eight must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they are not properly restrained, the driver faces fines of up to \$250, plus court costs.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin
Public Information Coordinator

[www.abilene
police.org](http://www.abilene
police.org)



@abilenepd



Abilene Police
Department

“You are the
first line of
defense
against crime”

Stan Standridge, Chief of Police | 450 Pecan | Abilene, TX | 79602

“We work together to build and maintain a community of the highest quality for present and future generations”