



“In Partnership With the Community”

**Click It or Ticket to Boost Seat Belt Use – Day and Night
Groton, CT 2013 High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign
Begins May 20th 2013**

As motorists take to the roads this Memorial Day holiday, the Groton Town Police are urging everyone to buckle up. Beginning May 20th 2013, law enforcement officials will be out in full force, taking part in the 2013 national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization and cracking down on motorists who are not belted.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 52 percent of the 21,253 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. As noted, deaths involving seat belt nonuse are more prevalent at night than during the daytime. According to NHTSA, 62 percent of the 10,135 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 during the overnight hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

“Seat belts save thousands of lives every year, but far too many motorists are still not buckling up, especially at night when the risk of getting in a crash is even greater,” said Lt. Jeffrey W. Scribner. “We want everyone to have a safe summer, but it requires an important step on the part of motorists – clicking that seat belt.”

In 2011, seat belts saved an estimated 11,949 lives nationwide according to NHTSA. While this year’s Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization runs from May 20 through June 2, officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

For more on the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.

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Crime/Crash Clock 2011



Crime

1 murder
every **36.0** minutes

1 violent crime
every **26.2** seconds

1 property crime
every **3.5** seconds

1 burglary
every **14.4** seconds

Crash

1 fatality
every **16** minutes

1 person injured
every **14** seconds

1 property damage crash
every **8** seconds

1 law enforcement-reported
crash every **6** seconds



Data Sources:

Crime – Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2011 Crime Clock Statistics, Crime in the United States
Crash – NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts, "Highlights of 2011 Motor Vehicle Crashes"