JOPLIN POLICE

Press Release

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Subject: **Joplin Police Department Click it or Ticket follow up**

On Friday November 16, 2012 the Joplin Police Department along with agencies throughout the State of Missouri, participated in a "Click it or Ticket" campaign. The goal of the campaign is to raise driver awareness and the importance of seatbelt usage. It is proven that seatbelt usage is the best way to prevent injury and death when involved in a car crash.

Since the first of the year the Joplin Police Department have issued 1,929 tickets for seatbelts, 14 of them were issued during the Campaign the 16th. We have also issued 78 summonses this year for Child Restraint.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's website the state has had 739 traffic fatalities so far this year. Of those required to wear seatbelts, only 64% have been buckled.

Drivers are encouraged to set a good example for their children, grandchildren and other drivers. Seatbelts are an issue that not only affects the driver, but all other drivers as well. Buckle up and Arrive Alive.

Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For information on Missouri seatbelt usage, visit

www.saveMOlives.com.

http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/Root/index.html

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