Agency reminds motorists to Buckle Up Every Trip, Every Time

* Wearing a safety belt is the easiest thing you can do to protect yourself, your family and your friends.
* Choosing not to wear a safety belt may have dire consequences.
* In fact, from 2015 – 2017, in Ohio 1,142 people were killed in crashes when they did not wear a safety belt.
* According to data from Ohio’s 2018 Observational Seatbelt Survey, approximately 85 percent of motorists and passengers were found to be in compliance with Ohio’s safety belt law.
* This is an increase from 2017 and 2016 where the rate of safety belt use was approximately 83 percent.
* While these rates appear high, far too many Ohioans still do not buckle up.

# Ways to get your message out

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* Send out the included media release and make follow-up calls to reinforce your Agency’s message.
* Meet with local law enforcement, community groups or high schools and ask them to partner with you to get this message out.
* Contact your local media and schedule a ride-along, explain your agency’s focus on seatbelt compliance.