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**Sheriff's Office Announces Activity
Summary for Click It or Ticket
Mobilization**

Chief Deputy Jim Brueggeman today announced an activity summary for the Click It or Ticket Mobilization in which the Perkins County Sheriff's Office recently participated.

Motorists in Perkins County increased their usage rate of seatbelts and child restraints from about 56% to about 71% during the Click It or Ticket Mobilization. The usage rate was calculated by Brueggeman who surveyed seatbelt and child restraint usage in various locations throughout Perkins County before and after the mobilization, which ran from May 24 through June 6.

During the mobilization, Perkins County law enforcement officers issued one citation and one warning for violation of the child passenger safety law and three warnings for violation of the safety belt law.

Officers also issued two citations for speeding, one citation for reckless driving, one citation for driving under suspension, made one driving under the influence of alcohol arrest, one arrest for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, two arrests for outstanding warrants, one violation of probation arrest and issued an additional 15 warnings and three citations for other minor traffic offenses.

"The Sheriff's Office is pleased with the near 27% increase in seatbelt and child restraint usage in Perkins County during the mobilization," Brueggeman said. "We strongly encourage all motorists to buckle up because utilizing seatbelts and child restraints greatly reduces the risk of serious injury and death in motor vehicle crashes."

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office will receive a free digital camera from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for participating in the Click It or Ticket Mobilization. Drunk drivers will be targeted during the office's next mobilization, "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." from August 27 through September 4, 2004.

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