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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Department to Participate in MoDOT's Enforcement Efforts Friday
State-wide initiative targets seat belt use

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis ("the department") will participate in MoDOT's "Occupant Protection" enforcement day on Friday, February 24, a one-day version of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. During this initiative, there will be a no tolerance rule for seat belt violators and violators will be ticketed.

In Missouri, seat belt laws are secondary, meaning officers cannot stop violators solely for a lack of seat belt use. However, if drivers are stopped for another violation and it is evident the driver was not wearing a seat belt; an additional citation can be issued.

Agencies across the state will participate in the initiative and make their data available to state authorities.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department
What: Occupant Protection Enforcement
When: Friday, February 24, 2012
Where: Throughout the City Limits

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