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New Release

Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Click It or Ticket in Southwest Missouri

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office announced today, they are joining with southwest Missouri law enforcement from October 1st to October 31st, for a rural safety belt mobilization, to crack down on Missouri's safety belt law violators, to reduce highway fatalities.

Drivers failing to buckle-up face a much greater risk of injury or death in vehicle crashes. Seven out of 10 Missourians killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled, yet only three out of four Missourians regularly buckle up.

Rural areas continue to have lower seat belt usage rates than urban areas in Missouri. Efforts will be focused on the 10 southwest counties of Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Lawrence, Barry, Green, Christian, Taney, Stone and Webster, during the October crackdown.

"Seat belts clearly save lives. But, unfortunately, too many folks still need a tough reminder, so we are going to be out in force in October buckling down on those who are not buckled up," said Sgt. Chenault.

For more information, contact Sgt. Seth Chenault at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office.

You can also visit www.saveMOlives.com for more information on Missouri seatbelt usage.