

# HEMPSTEAD

## Village police: 'Click it' or get a ticket

The Village of Hempstead Police Department is cracking down on drivers who don't buckle up.

Mayor Wayne Hall and Police Chief Joseph Wing announced that the police department will participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Click It or Ticket" seat belt enforcement mobilization campaign.

Starting today and continuing until June 5, village police will be setting up day and nighttime seat belt checkpoints, as well as increased patrols, targeting drivers and passengers, officials said. The seat belt campaign is funded by a grant from the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board.

"Many more traffic deaths can be prevented if more motorists simply start wearing their seat belts," Hall said in a statement. "As the summer begins, Hempstead Police Department will be out in force supporting the enhanced enforcement of seat belt laws to remind our residents of the important safety benefits of buckling up."

Because nighttime drivers and occupants are among those least likely to buckle up, officials said, nighttime enforcement will be the focus for Hempstead police during the campaign.

"If Hempstead police officers find you or anyone in your vehicle on the road unbuckled, at any time, you can expect to get a ticket — no excuses and no exceptions," said Wing in a statement.

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