
MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION



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MdTA Police Advisory Seat-Belt Usage

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The Maryland Chief's of Police Association, the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use, and the Maryland Highway Safety Office at the State Highway Administration jointly sponsor this annual campaign which endeavors to promote traffic safety through publicizing and enforcing Maryland's seat belt and child safety seat laws.

Enforcement of Maryland's primary seat belt and child safety seat laws are the focal point of this campaign to reduce the loss of life and injuries associated with motor vehicle crashes. The Maryland Transportation Authority Police will be participating in this campaign for the 18th consecutive year.

Purpose

An extended seat belt education and enforcement campaign will be conducted from Thursday, April 6, 2006 through Tuesday, June 06, 2006. The campaign's goal is to achieve a 92% statewide seatbelt compliance rate by the end of 2006.

Evaluation, Community Outreach, and Public Information

Several educational and enforcement initiatives will take place during this campaign period. Some examples of the participation by the Maryland Transportation Authority Police are as follows:

Pacesetter's Program - Unannounced visual surveys of seatbelt compliance will be conducted by the Police, at various locations around the Port terminals, to ascertain the seatbelt compliance rate of tenants, and various other agency personnel.

Printed Educational Materials about seatbelt, and proper child safety seat, usage will be distributed to tenants, offices, and other locations.

Utilizations of VMS and TARS capabilities will be used to increase public awareness of the program.

And, of course, we will increase our emphasis on enforcement of observed violations of Maryland's seat belt, and child safety seat laws, during this campaign.

Thank you.

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