

PRESS RELEASE

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From: East Aurora-Town of Aurora Police Dept., (716) 652-1111

Re: Upcoming *Buckle Up New York* mobilization

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The East Aurora-Town of Aurora Police Department is participating in the two-week, statewide, seat belt enforcement initiative, *Buckle Up New York*, May 24-June 6, 2021, as part of the New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's "Click It...Or Ticket" campaign. Patrol Officers will perform traffic stops in the village and town to enforce seatbelt laws. This zero-tolerance enforcement effort aims to increase seat belt use, which helps reduce fatalities and injuries in motor vehicle crashes.

According to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, "Regardless of a 93 percent seat belt compliance rate, on average more than a third of motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes each year are unrestrained." New York State's seatbelt law is a primary law, which means a police officer may stop vehicles solely because the drivers or passengers are not wearing seatbelts.

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