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## POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES BUREAU OF HIGHWAY SAFETY “CLICK IT OR TICKET” GRANT AWARD

AUBURN, ME – The Auburn Police Department has been awarded a 2017 CLICK IT or TICKET Enforcement Grant from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. The grant period will run from May 22nd to June 4th. Funds will support dedicated overtime enforcement (both daytime and nighttime) and education costs associated with participation in the NHTSA National Click It or Ticket Campaign.

The Auburn Police Department is committed to reducing the frequency of unrestrained occupant related motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities through the development of a comprehensive, data-driven program of aggressive, consistent traffic enforcement and public educational outreach targeted at unrestrained motor vehicle occupants.

Chief Phil Crowell’s message for all who chose not to wear their seatbelts - *“When you're not wearing your seat belt, you're risking serious injury or death. And unlike a TV show or a movie, there's no rewinding and no do-overs. During this two week period, officers will be stepping up enforcement to crack down on motorists not wearing their seat belts. Why are cops enforcing seat belt laws? Because in real life, you don't get a second chance!*

Deputy Chief Jason Moen would like to remind all motorists who live, work and play in the City of Auburn - *“Life happens fast....And the 3 seconds it takes to buckle up can save your life. A seat belt can stop you from flying into a building, a tree, or into the pavement. That’s why we enforce seat belt laws.”*

Spring has finally arrived and we look forward to a great summer. The men and women of the Auburn Police Department want you to enjoy the great weather. Remember: If you don’t buckle-up, you could shatter the lives of your family and friends! BE SAFE!