

# USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** USF Police Department Encourages Drivers  
to Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.

[Tampa, FL] The USF Police Department will  
May 19 through June 1, 2014. Officers will be placing  
special emphasis on enforcement of seat belt laws. USFPD wants to remind

that one of the best ways to ensure a safe arrival is to buckle up, every trip,  
every time.

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts saved more than 12,500  
lives nationwide during 2010 alone. In fact, research shows that the risk of  
fatal injury to front seat passenger car occupants is reduced by 45 percent,  
and the risk of moderate to serious injury is reduced by 50 percent, when  
seat belts are worn correctly.

Yet, too many people are still not getting the message. Fifty-one percent of  
the 22,187 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in motor vehicle  
crashes during 2010 were NOT wearing seat belts at the time of their fatal  
crashes.

Seat belts save lives, please buckle up, every trip, every time, so you can  
arrive safely at your destination.

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