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Central Falls Police Department Completes *Click It or Ticket* Crackdown to Save Lives and Boost Seat Belt Use

Central Falls, RI – After a 7 day enforcement mobilization, the 2013 Thanksgiving holiday *Click It or Ticket* campaign comes to an end. With the support of law enforcement officers, highway safety officials and safety advocates across the country, the recent mobilization saved lives across the state by cracking down on those who are not buckling up—day and night.

The Central Falls Police Department announced that 71 seat belt citations were issued during the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization to encourage more drivers and passengers to always buckle-up. During the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization the Central Falls Police Department also arrested 3 individuals for driving with a suspended license and 1 for driving under the influence of drugs.

High-visibility enforcement such as the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization is credited with increasing the national belt usage rate from 58 percent in 1994 to an observed usage rate of 84 percent in 2011 according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Belt use saves thousands of lives across America each year. NHTSA statistics also show that in 2010 alone, seat belts saved an estimated 12,546 lives nationwide.

“The Central Falls Police Department is proud to have supported the 2013 *Click It or Ticket* mobilization – a highly visible national enforcement crackdown created to save more lives on our roadways,” said police chief, Colonel James J. Mendonca. “Both during day and night, our stepped-up enforcement showed Central Falls how important it really is to always buckle up on our roadways.”

The *Click it or Ticket* mobilization may be over, but that is no excuse to stop using your seat belt. Don't forget to buckle up and please encourage those around you to always do the same. For more on the national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.

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