



Traffic Safety Bulletin

We Serve and Protect

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AN EDITORIAL BY THE AUTHORS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

So far this year, two of our fellow officers have met their untimely deaths as a result of on duty traffic accidents. Could their lives have been saved? Could injuries to other officers have been minimized? We can't say for sure, but if seat belts had been used, the possibility does exist that there would be no need for this to be written.

Face it fellow officers, it's a proven fact that the use of seat belts can and does reduce deaths and serious injuries in accidents. None of us go out after roll call and say "I think I'll crack up the car today." That's why they call it an accident. Nobody expects to be involved in an accident, it's always the other guy. But let's face it, accidents happen in fractions of seconds, and can leave us with devastating results. We wouldn't go in on a call of a man with a gun and leave our revolver in the locker, but one of the most important safety tools available, the seat belt, is more often than not seen dangling at our side. Be realistic, seat belts aren't uncomfortable, and they're not restrictive. All they are is a bother. And, as we all know, we just don't want to be bothered. All it takes is a little getting used to. Before you start the engine, why not put on your seat belt. Give it a chance to save your life. For everyone's sake, yours, your families, and ours, PLEASE, buckle up. Let's prevent tragedies before they happen and make the rest of '84 a safe one

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.....DON'T WALK THE TIGHTROPE OF SAFETY

When driving in restricted areas, be aware of chains, cables or gates that are designed to keep vehicles from entering private property.

.....BOSSSES BEAT

When a "Property Damage" or "Personal Injury" box is checked on a Pursuit Form, kindly include a brief description of the incident on the reverse side.

.....WE HAVE A WINNER

The winner for the month of September in the "Safety Slogan" contest is Y.O. Charles Conley, Area 1 Youth, and the winning entry is "IT TAKES A LOT OF BOLTS AND NUTS TO PUT A CAR TOGETHER, BUT IT ONLY TAKES ONE NUT TO DESTROY IT."

Thanks for the slogans submitted and keep your new entries coming.

SAFETY QUIZ

Under what age must a child be secured in either a child restraint system or seat belt? A 4, B 5, C 6, or D 7.

ANSWER. . . .

(C 6 yrs.)