



CITY OF ST. JOSEPH POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

Operation Safe Teen

St. Joseph Police Department to Participate in Teen Seat Belt Enforcement

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The St. Joseph Police Department is joining with law enforcement March 15-31 for an aggressive "Operation Safe Teen" seat belt mobilization to crack down on Missouri's seat belt law violators and to reduce highway fatalities.

Nearly one in four Missourians still fail to regularly wear their safety belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Teens are even less likely to wear their safety belt with only 61% regularly buckling up. Eight out of ten teens killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled.

Regular safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Buckle Up and Arrive Alive. For more information on Missouri seatbelt usage, visit www.saveMOLive.com.

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