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BRACKEN COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Participates in Click It or Ticket Campaign

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office participated in the National Click It or Ticket Campaign that ran from May 23 – June 5, 2011. The Sheriff's Office conducted increased traffic safety patrols and assisted the Kentucky State Police with a safety checkpoint in the County. These increased patrols and checkpoints were conducted in areas throughout the County where statistics have shown an elevated number of vehicle crashes.

During this increased enforcement period officers were enforcing laws related to Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol, Licensing of Motor Vehicles and Operators, Registration and Insurance violations, Seat Belt and Child Restraint violations along with Motor Vehicle Equipment violations.

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office had received a grant for \$1,000.00 to pay for overtime enforcement during this period throughout the County. This grant allowed the agency to work 42 hours of overtime conducting increased enforcement throughout the County. The Sheriff's Office also worked an additional 29 hours of on-duty time specifically addressing traffic safety issues. This increased enforcement throughout the County resulted in the following charges:

- 15- seat belt violations
- 4- no insurance violations
- 34- speeding violations
- 5- other traffic violations
- 2- fugitives being picked up on warrants

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to promoting the safety and well being of the public as well as providing police with visibility and interaction with the community. These high-visibility enforcement programs are credited with increasing the national seat belt usage rate from 58 percent in 1994 to an observed usage rate of 85 percent in 2010. Belt use saves thousands of lives each year across America. In 2009 alone, seat belts saved 12,713 lives nationwide.

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to Buckle up and be safe as this may save a friend or family member's life.