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The 2016 national Click It or Ticket (CIOT) seat belt enforcement mobilization begins May 23 and runs through June 5, 2016. Law enforcement agencies around the country will be stepping up enforcement just ahead of one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

Law enforcement officials are out on Connecticut's roads enforcing the State Occupant Protection laws and issuing citations to those who are unbuckled.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly half of the 21,022 passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2014 were unrestrained.

As a reminder, all front seat occupants in a vehicle must wear their safety belts. Only rear seat passengers under the age of 16 are required to wear safety belts. If the operator of a vehicle is 16 or 17 years of age, all occupants in the vehicle are required to wear safety belts.

While this year's mobilization runs through June 5, 2016, motorists should know that officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

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