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## **Buckle Up, South San Francisco. Every Trip, Every Time.**

South San Francisco, Calif. – The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Millions across the country will be hitting the road to meet with friends and family for Thanksgiving.

It is why the South San Francisco Police Department is reminding everyone to wear their seat belt for every trip, regardless of how far you are traveling.

On Thanksgiving Day (November 28<sup>th</sup>) and throughout the holiday season, South San Francisco Police Officers will be looking for drivers and passengers who do not have a seat belt on, including children who are not secured in the correct child safety seat.

"We want everyone to drive carefully and get to their Thanksgiving destinations safely," Lieutenant Keith Wall said. "Putting on a seat belt this holiday season and all year long only takes a few seconds and is the best way to keep your, your family, and your friends safe."

While 90% of front seat passengers were observed using seatbelts nationwide, the observed seat belt rate of back seat passengers was just 76 percent, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. No matter where you are in a vehicle, you should be buckled up.

In California, the fine for a seat belt violation is \$162. The fine for not securing a child in a child safety seat is \$490.

Under California law, children under two years old who weigh under 40 pounds or are under 40 inches tall must ride in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of eight or under 4' 9" tall must be secured in a car or booster seat.



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