

Seat belts save lives, a message Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Troopers will be sending out to motorists during the national “Click It or Ticket” campaign Nov. 22-28.

The special enforcement designed to raise awareness of the need to wear a seat belt every time a driver gets into a vehicle encompasses the heavily traveled Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

“We’ve got both football and Thanksgiving travel,” said Colonel Bryan Tuma, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. “Combine those two events, and you’re bound to get some pretty heavy traffic across the state. We are encouraging motorists to plan ahead giving themselves plenty of time to reach their destination.”

Thanks in part to a nearly \$30,000 grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS), NSP Troopers and Communications Specialists will work overtime hours during the “Click It or Ticket” campaign.

Troopers will concentrate on reducing crash causing behaviors such as speeding, following too closely, failure to buckle-up and impaired or distracted driving.

Travelers who experience an emergency or would like to report a distracted or impaired driver should call the NSP Highway Helpline when safe to do so at *55 from any cellular phone or 1-800-525-5555 from any landline.

Motorists wanting road, weather or construction information should dial 511 or log onto the Nebraska Traveler Information website at www.511nebraska.org