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Indiana Law Enforcement Agencies Join Multi-State Enforcement Mobilization on US 41

Indianapolis, IN. – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), Executive Director, T. Neil Moore today announced that on Friday, May 15 between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. local time, 22 Indiana law enforcement agencies will participate in a groundbreaking, multi-state mobilization to identify motorists who fail to wear seatbelts.

The effort, called Reducing Auto Crashes through Corridor Enforcement (RACCE), features high-visibility enforcement activity along US 41, which runs approximately 800 miles south from the upper peninsula of Michigan, through Wisconsin, into Illinois, then straight through Indiana.

Due to the number of deaths and injuries that have occurred as a result of crashes along this highway, US 41 has been identified as an enforcement priority. According to ICJI, in 2008 nearly 3,000 collisions occurred on this highway in Indiana alone, 13 of which resulted in a fatality. Of those killed in traffic collisions on US 41 in 2008, 29 percent were not properly restrained.

Conducted as a one-day effort in conjunction with the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization, RACCE 41 is a collaborative initiative with representation from state, county, and local law enforcement agencies from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

“The RACCE 41 mobilization is unique in that it consists of a coordinated, multi-jurisdiction, high-visibility enforcement effort during a relatively short period of time, on a specific road corridor,” said ICJI Executive Director, T. Neil Moore.

According to ICJI, there were a total of 205,410 collisions on Indiana roadways in 2008. In all, more than 50,000 people were killed or injured as a result.

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“While the number of deaths and injuries resulting from traffic collisions continue to decrease, more can be done. Ultimately the goal is to make motorists aware that wearing their seatbelts, adhering to posted speed limits and driving sober can mean the difference between life and death when traveling our roadways,” Moore added.

*Guided by a Board of Trustees representing all components of Indiana's criminal and juvenile justice systems, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) serves as the state's planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, **traffic safety**, and victim services. The Institute develops long-range strategies for the effective administration of Indiana's criminal and juvenile justice systems and administers federal and state funds to carry out these strategies.*

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