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Safety Belt Enforcement – Memorial Day Campaign

The Chicago Police Department will be participating in the *Safety Belt Enforcement Memorial Day Campaign* patrols began Friday, May 14, 2021 at 6 a.m. and will continue through Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6 a.m.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2019, 9,466 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants were killed in crashes in the United States. While that was a decrease from 2018, an early study for 2020 suggests that during the COVID-19 public health emergency, driving patterns and behaviors changed significantly. Of those drivers who remained on the roads, there was more risky behavior, including people not wearing seat belts.

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