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S.T.E.P. Focus Results May 2009

During the month of May 2009, the Greenwich Police Department focused their efforts on enforcing the seatbelts laws here in Connecticut in conjunction with the Nationwide *Click IT or Ticket* campaign.

The Greenwich Police Department wrote 428 seatbelt citations during the month of May. The citations were written all across the Town, but the focus of the Traffic Enforcement Unit was Sound Beach Ave. A pre-survey conducted before the initiative showed a 78% compliance rate. The post survey, conducted today, showed a 95 % compliance rate of operators wearing their seatbelts. The effort is considered a success.

During the month of May 2008 225 motor vehicle accidents were reported on Town roads. For the same period this year, only 177 accidents were reported, which is a 21% decrease for the month of May.

The Traffic Enforcement Focus for the month of June 2009 will be red light violations. A large number of crashes seem to be caused by drivers disobeying traffic control signals. Patrol officers and the Traffic Enforcement Unit will be concentrating their efforts all across Town to enforce signal lights. Violations carry a \$124 fine.