



Seat Belt Minicade or 4x4 Sign Detail Guidelines for Targeted Roadways, Schools and Retail Stores



The Seat Belt Minicade or 4x4 Sign Detail is designed to change seat belt usage behavior by a non-confrontational police presence.

Preparation

- Get minicade or 4x4 sign from your Regional LEL or Coordinator.
- Identify Minicade sites such like schools, retail establishments and high visibility and/or high volume roadways. Schedule manpower.
- Permission must be obtained from proper authority prior to conducting the Seat Belt Detail on private property.

Set-up

- Set up the "Seat Belt Check" Sign at a safe but visible location behind a marked police vehicle with its emergency lights on. Flares can be placed near the Minicades or 4x4 Sign creating more attention to the seat belt message and the perception of increased enforcement. The patrol car should be in clear line of vision from the sign.
- The detail gives motorists the idea that they are entering a seat belt enforcement zone. The sight of a seat belt sign and the presence of a police vehicle can create an immediate buckling response by passing motorists. Occupants may try to buckle-up after they see the seat belt sign and the patrol car. **Think Safety First!** Please allow sufficient distance between the signage and your vehicle.

Conducting the Detail

- Officers may stay in the patrol car or outside the vehicle if weather permits.
- Stay for approximately one hour and continue the same procedure for the next few days. Return to the same location to develop a sense of expectation for motorists. This is especially successful on roadways with commuting traffic or students arriving or leaving the school campus.
- Motorists are not to be stopped. This operation is for observation only. Do not impede traffic or cause an unnecessary delay.
- For details conducted on private property contact and thank the school, business, property owner or representative for their cooperation.