

NEWS RELEASE



GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
349 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 465-4100 FAX (516) 742-3898

GCPD TO PARTICIPATE IN 2024 BUCKLE-UP NEW YORK ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The Garden City Police Department will participate in the Statewide *Buckle-Up New York* enforcement initiative from May 20th through May 31st. Enforcing seat belt and child restraint laws saves lives. During this initiative, highly visible patrols and checkpoints will be conducted throughout the Village, targeting non-compliance with occupant restraint laws, including child safety seat laws. The goal of the Garden City Police Department's Occupant Restraint Enforcement Program is to reduce personal injuries and fatalities due to automobile crashes through education and enforcement.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports: *In 2022, 25,420 passenger vehicle occupants were killed. About 50% of those killed were not buckled (based on known seat belt use.)*

Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said, "The Police Department's participation in this effort was made possible through funding from the GTSC with assistance from the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board. The Commissioner recommends the following websites for further information regarding occupant restraint use:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/seat-belts#:~:text=Overview,estimated%2014%2C955%20lives%20in%202017>

<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/safety-restraints#:~:text=New%20York%20State%20law%20requires%20all%20motor%20vehicle%20passenger%20ages,a%20rear%2Dfacing%20car%20seat>