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**MORE THAN 400,000 TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CITATIONS ISSUED
DURING 2006 HIGHWAY SAFETY CAMPAIGNS**

RALEIGH — The Governor's Highway Safety Program announced today that state and local law enforcement officers across North Carolina issued 414,351 traffic and criminal citations during "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns last year.

That total includes 12,265 driving while impaired arrests and 53,452 occupant protection citations for safety belt and child passenger safety violations. Officers also issued 125,371 speeding violations and recovered 3,530 fugitives from justice.

Additionally, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that North Carolina's 2006 safety belt usage rate increased 2 percent to 88.5 percent, its highest rate ever.

"The tireless efforts of our law enforcement officers statewide are making North Carolina's highways safer and have increased our safety belt use rate to the state's highest rate ever," said Darrell Jernigan, director of GHSP. "I urge citizens to do their part by always buckling up and not driving after drinking."

In 2006, GHSP joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and state and local law enforcement leaders across an eight-state region in the Southeast to launch a high visibility enforcement initiative called "Buckle Up in Your Truck" which immediately preceded the spring "Click It or Ticket" mobilization. The initiative's goal was to get more pickup drivers and their passengers to buckle up.

GHSP created "Click It or Ticket" in 1993 to increase safety belt and child safety seat use rates and reduce the incidence of preventable, crash-related injury and death through stepped-up enforcement of the state's occupant protection laws. The initiative has become the national model for a high-visibility enforcement and education campaign of the same name that NHTSA operates.

GHSP also conducted its 12th annual "Booze It & Lose It" campaign during 2006. The holiday campaign featured the state's six breath-alcohol testing mobile units, or BATMobiles. These high-tech tools are provided at no cost to law enforcement agencies and provide fast, on-site testing and preliminary processing of impaired drivers.

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Below are statewide citation totals for 2006 "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns.

2006 Highway Safety Campaign Results

| Campaign | Total Checkpoints & Patrols | DWI Arrests | Safety Belt Violations | Child Passenger Safety Violations | Drug Violations | Stolen Vehicles Recovered | Fugitives Arrested | Total Criminal Violations | Speeding | Total Other Traffic Violations | Total Criminal & Traffic Violations |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| "Buckle Up in Your Truck" | 3,016 | 903 | 5,564 | 576 | 590 | 37 | 185 | 2,692 | 9,348 | 22,622 | 33,176 |
| "Click It or Ticket" | 7,141 | 2,110 | 16,890 | 1,494 | 1,761 | 141 | 699 | 7,474 | 23,662 | 59,498 | 89,437 |
| July 4 "Booze It & Lose It" | 5,204 | 1,742 | 6,115 | 858 | 1,110 | 94 | 284 | 4,661 | 18,004 | 40,772 | 55,876 |
| Fall "Booze It & Lose It" | 9,370 | 3,258 | 9,274 | 1,444 | 2,284 | 166 | 966 | 10,670 | 30,703 | 35,177 | 100,455 |
| Halloween "Booze It & Lose It" | 1,864 | 729 | 1,521 | 194 | 331 | 39 | 115 | 1,695 | 5,931 | 6,784 | 18,700 |
| Holiday "Booze It & Lose It" | 1,517 | 3,523 | 8,284 | 1,238 | 3,099 | 247 | 1,281 | 14,278 | 37,723 | 87,153 | 116,707 |
| Totals | 28,112 | 12,265 | 47,648 | 5,804 | 9,175 | 724 | 3,530 | 41,470 | 125,371 | 252,006 | 414,351 |

For county-by-county breakdowns, contact the GHSP at (919) 733-3083 or visit their Web site at www.ncdot.org/programs/ghsp.

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