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Santa Cruz Police Department Encourages Everyone to Buckle Up for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Every Trip, Every Time.

Santa Cruz, Calif. – With millions of families throughout the state expected to hit the road to visit friends and family for Thanksgiving this year, the Santa Cruz Police Department reminds everyone to always buckle up.

“Regardless of how far you are going for Thanksgiving, it is important to always wear your seat belt,” Lieutenant Wes Morey said. “We want everyone to get to their destination safely and enjoy the holiday. A seat belt is one easy way to ensure that happens.”

During the 2019 Thanksgiving Maximum Enforcement Period, 42 people died on roads throughout California. Of the 27 who died on roads within California Highway Patrol jurisdiction, 11 were not wearing seat belts.

Under California law, children under two years old who weigh under 40 pounds or are under 40 inches tall must ride in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of eight or under 4' 9" tall must be secured in a car or booster seat.

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