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- The President's "70% by 92" goal for the nation has been met here in Washington -- always a leader among the states in safety trends.
- Applaud the efforts by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (**Chuck Hayes** and **Katie Lynch**), state law enforcement officials (**Sheriff Bob McBride** and **Chief George Tellevik**) and state and local government representatives (**Rep. Maryanne Mitchell**) -- many who are here with us today.
- Washington state has been in the forefront of the traffic safety movement -- passed child restraint law in 1983/seat belt law in 1986.
- In Washington last year -- seat belt and child car seats saved 116 lives. To date, more than 4,900 people were saved in car accidents in Washington because they buckled up!
- Nationally, over 15,000 lives would be saved and millions of dollars in unnecessary damages avoided if every one wore safety belts.

- Fortunately, Americans are getting the safety belt habit. But if we are to reach over 70% use we must all work together as a team -- government, industry and concerned individuals, groups and organizations.
- Washington state's law enforcement community has been key player in reaching today's goal -- talking to students/ drivers ... educating the public ... issuing warnings and giving fines.
- Special state **Spokespersons** network and **WEAR-IT** campaign programs very effective in getting out the message to buckle up.
- We still cannot claim victory -- we need to reach out and get another 30% to buckle up. Remind your friends ... family members ... and fellow workers to get with the program.
- Remember -- with safety, there's no finish line.

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