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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department will be participating in a seat belt emphasis patrol sponsored by the Idaho Department of Transportation, Office of Highway Operations and Safety. From February 12 through February 22, 2009 Kootenai County Deputies will be conducting emphasis traffic patrols at various locations around the County, focusing on moving violations and strictly enforcing seat belt requirements to help reduce the number of injury accidents in our County.

In 2007, 76 percent of those killed in single vehicle rollovers in Idaho were not buckled up. More than 80 percent of those killed in DUI crashes were not buckled up and 63 percent of those killed in speed-related crashes were not buckled.

The goal of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department's participation in the mobilization is to support the statewide highway safety goal of reducing motor vehicle related deaths and serious injuries by increasing the use of safety restraints.

Please help us in our endeavors by using ensuring all occupants of motor vehicles are using proper safety restraints while on the roadways.

Sheriff Rocky Watson

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