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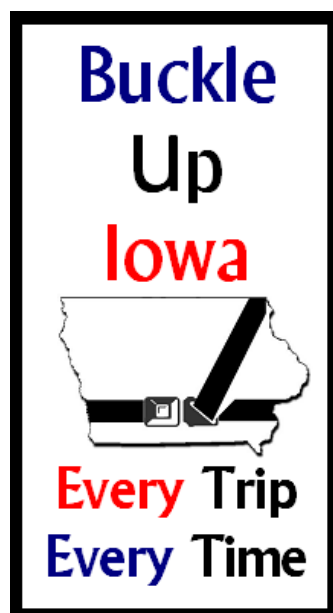
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Iowa and Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies gathered together at the May 16th media event in Rockford, Illinois, to kick off the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. An enforcement zone was held on both the Iowa and Illinois sides of the Centennial Bridge, centering on vehicles in which seat belts were not being utilized. If a vehicle occupant was not wearing a seat belt – they left with a ticket.

Iowa seat belt use	89%
2008 Goal	95%
Midwest ranking	# 2
U.S. Ranking	# 11

Calendar

2006

July 20
Operation
Double Aught
Corridor
Enforcement
Project

July 25 – 27
Get A Grip teen
leadership
conference, Iowa
State University,
Ames

**July 29 –
August 3**
Traffic Records
Forum, Palm
Desert, CA

August 10 – 20
Iowa State Fair

August 31
Operation I's
Corridor
Enforcement
Project

**August 18 –
September 4**
Impaired Driving,
High Visibility
Enforcement/
sTEP
Enforcement
Wave

**August 31 –
September 14**
DRE School,
Ames, Iowa



L-R: Commissioner Kevin Techau, NHTSA Regional Deputy Administrator Jim Green, GTSB Director Mike Laski, NHTSA Regional Administrator Romell Cooks, and Governor Thomas J. Vilsack

The 2006 Annual Governor's Highway Traffic Safety Conference held at the Marriott Cedar Rapids on March 22-23 was an overwhelming success with over 250 participants in attendance. Highlights of the conference included a driving demonstration of electronic stability control systems, sessions about young drivers and teen brain development, and trends in traffic safety. Governor Thomas J. Vilsack addressed the group and recounted how traffic fatalities had impacted him personally.

The 2007 conference is being planned for April 10 – 12, 2007 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Conference updates can be found on the GTSB web site at <http://www.iowagtsb.org>



Cedar Rapids Police Department Honor Guard at the 2006 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Conference

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Kevin W. Techau, Commissioner,
Iowa Department of Public Safety
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The National Highway Traffic Safety Public Service Award for 2006



The National Highway Traffic Safety Public Service Award for 2006, the highest award given by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), was presented by Jim Green, Regional Deputy Administrator, NHTSA, to Shelley DeForest March 23, 2006 at the Governor's Highway Traffic Safety Conference. The award is in recognition of Shelley's exemplary financial leadership and Grant Tracking management within the State of Iowa and outstanding efforts and initiative in strengthening the financial management systems in the Central Region and the United States.



Mike Laski, Director, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau received recognition at the Governor's Golden Globe awards for 30 years of service to the State of Iowa.

Longevity Awards



Denny Becker, Area Administrator and DRE Coordinator, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, received recognition at the Governor's Golden Globe awards for 25 years of service to the State of Iowa.

Department of Public Safety Web Site Updated

The Department of Public Safety has recently updated its web pages. You can access the site by typing the following into the address line: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/>

To access Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) information, type the following into the address line: www.iowagtsb.org

Feel free to contact Wendie Nerem, GTSB Web Coordinator, (515-281-5430 or nerem@dps.state.ia.us) with ideas and comments to improve the on-line information available regarding the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau web site.



Labor Day Impaired Driving Campaign

Iowa's last 2006 sTEP enforcement wave will coincide with the national impaired driving crackdown August 18-September 4, 2006. The Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is pleased that law enforcement in Iowa is committed and will be involved during this Labor Day period. At the same time, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will also be premiering a new impaired driving campaign entitled "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." The GTSB is planning on enhancing the law enforcement effort, along with NHTSA, by purchasing radio, television and cable time airing the campaign. This will be the first time that the GTSB has purchased paid media in relation to impaired driving. Together, law enforcement efforts in conjunction with the paid media campaigns will make a positive impact on reducing impaired driving not only in Iowa but throughout the United States.



Special Agent Jagat Sandhu of the Iowa Department of Public Safety was nominated by Iowa Law Enforcement and Drug Recognition Experts. They chose SA Jagat Sandhu for the Kip Hayward Award from a field of qualified law enforcement officers. SA Sandhu has demonstrated an excellent work ethic in his quest to get drug impaired drivers off the road and to educate law enforcement and the general public regarding drug impaired drivers and OWI.

L-R: Denny Becker, DRE Coordinator, GTSB; Jacklyn Rich, Coralville Police Department; Jason Willey, Davenport Police Department; SA Jagat Sandhu, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and Sgt. Craig Porter, Johnston Police Department.

2006 Governor's Highway Traffic Safety Conference Commissioner's Special Award for Traffic Safety



Criminal Justice Category from left to right: Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety; Trooper Kevin Johnson, Iowa State Patrol; Officer Michael Perigo, Waterloo Police Department; Deputy Sheriff Chad D. Bauwens, Clayton County Sheriff's Office; Officer Dale Woller, Johnston Police Department and Deputy Sheriff David Benson, Woodbury County Sheriff's Office.



Individual Category from left to right: Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety; John Joiner, Public Works Director, City of Ames; Tim Crouch, State Traffic Engineer, Iowa Department of Transportation; Joyce Emery, Ph.D., Safety Program Administration, Iowa Department of Transportation; Zachary Hans, Research Engineer, Center for Transportation Research and Education; and Jim Brachtel, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration



Children and Youth Advocate Category from left to right; Kay Hake, Apryl Reeser, Safety Town of Clinton; Philip D. Wedgwood, Public Affairs Representative, AAA Minnesota/Iowa; Angela Houston, Retired Officer, Cedar Rapids Police Department; Cassidy White, Curtis Walker, Rebecca Hoy, Alex Leith, West Branch Lifesavers Club; Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety

Award Recipients Unable to Attend Award Ceremony:

Terry Branstad, President of Des Moines University and Former Governor

John Sarcone, Polk County Prosecuting Attorney

Garnett Wheeler-Smith, Clerk Specialist, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Criminalistics Laboratory

Sheriff Ted Kamatchus, Marshall County – accepted by Deputy Wes Beane



News/Media Category from left to right; Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety and Megan Reuther, News Reporter, KWWL, Channel 7 News, Waterloo



Business Category from left to right; Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety and John Lundell, Deputy Director, University of Iowa Injury Prevention Resource Center, accepting for Casey's General Stores, Inc .

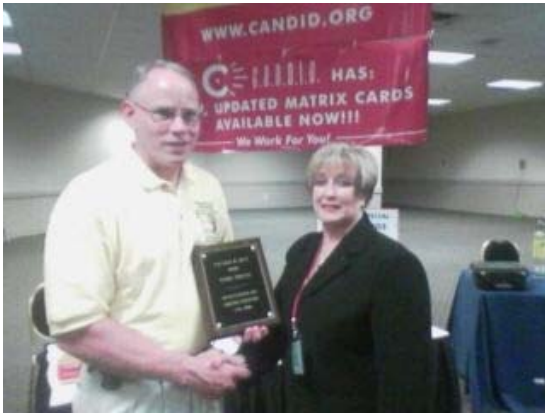


Audio/Visual Category from left to right; Bill Grismer, Account Executive, The Integer Group accepting for Wendy Lyons, Associate Creative Director and Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety



Commissioner Special Recognitions from left to right; Chief Tom Wardlow, Newton Police Department; Chief Michael Klappholz, Cedar Rapids Police Department; Chad Thomas, Program Coordinator, Iowa Health System; Victor Klopffestein, Former Mayor, City of Marion; Neil Longseth, Executive Director, Iowa Illinois Safety Council; Sheriff Jefferey Danker, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office; Gerald Partridge, Executive Director, Police Legal Services, Inc.; Walter Saur, Past President, Iowa County Attorney's Association; Thomas J. Ferguson, Black Hawk County Prosecuting Attorney; Commissioner Kevin W. Techau, Iowa Department of Public Safety

2006 DRE Conference Candid Award



Sgt. Craig Porter received an award for his work against impaired driving at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Impaired Driving DRE conference held June 13 – 16 in Kansas City, Missouri. Sgt. Porter, a 31 year veteran of the Johnston Police Department, received his award jointly from the IACP and C.A.N.D.I.D (Citizens Against Drug Impaired Driving) for his work directed at combatting drug impaired driving. Specifically cited was the work he has done the past 15 years in DRE, as well as his work for legislation to reduce drunk and drugged driving; the support he has provided to agencies throughout the state the United States and Iowa in drugged driving cases by testifying in court as an expert witness; and his involvement with programs to educate law enforcement personnel and other professionals about drugs. Denny Becker, DRE Coordinator, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, says the DRE Program would not be what it is today without him.

C.A.N.D.I.D is a national organization based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and dedicated to the education of citizens and police officers concerning the drugged driving problem. Karen Tarney, President of C.A.N.D.I.D, is pictured with Sgt. Porter.

City of Clinton Awarded Safety Belt Honor Roll Plaque for 90% Compliance



The City of Clinton was awarded the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau/National Highway Traffic Safety Association 90 percent Safety Belt Honor Roll plaque by Wendie Nerem, Eastern Area Administrator, Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau. The presentation was made June 13, 2006 at the Clinton City Council Meeting. Mayor LaMetta K. Wynn of the City of Clinton and the Citizen Police Academy Alumni accepted the award. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni is made up of volunteers who administered the seat belt survey. Congratulations to the City of Clinton.

Bondurant High School earns the Belt America Award from Iowa/Illinois Safety Council and The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Seat Belt Honor Roll Award



The parents, students and staff at Bondurant High School were able to increase seat belt use from 71% to 94% - a 23% increase. This was accomplished by working with the PTA, school staff, and the SADD Injury Free Coalition for Kids. Above left is Wendie Nerem, GTSB, presenting the GTSB Safety Belt Honor Roll Plaque to Deputy Mike Tarvin (School Resource Officer) and Mike Kramer (Bondurant Assistant Principal). On the right is Deputy Mike Tarvin and Mike Kramer receiving the Belt America Award from Charlie Black of the Iowa-Illinois Safety Council.

Retirements in June 2006

Bill Reiting, Team Leader, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Joyce Emery, Ph.D., Iowa Department of Transportation

Congratulations and Best Wishes for your retirement years!

Article Submissions

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