



Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:

Case #: 10- N/A

On April 13, 2010 the Gulfport Police Department and the Mississippi Surge Hockey are partnering together to get motorists to buckle up. On April 13th and 14th Gulfport Police will be on the lookout for motorists who take the time to buckle up. Motorists who are caught not wearing a seatbelt will receive a traffic ticket while those caught buckled up may also receive a different kind of ticket, a hockey game ticket. Gulfport Police Officers will be handing out tickets to the Mississippi Surge Hockey Presidents Cup Finals to be held on April 14th and 15th to motorists caught wearing their seatbelts. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness that motorists need to buckle up for safety. Gulfport Police Officers and the Mississippi Surge are concerned for the safety of motorists and wish to show their appreciation to all of those who are caught buckled up.

Mississippi Law States that every operator, every front-seat passenger and every child under seven (7) years of age who is not required to be protected by the use of a child passenger restraint device or system or a belt positioning booster seat system, shall wear a properly fastened safety seat belt system, required to be installed in the vehicle when manufactured pursuant to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208.