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NEWS RELEASE

Port Police Take Part in Click It or Ticket Campaign

More than 40 traffic citations issued by Port Police this morning

Piti, Guam, May 24, 2011: Port Authority police officers today joined the island-wide Click It or Ticket Campaign which resulted in more than 40 motorists along Cabras Highway being issued tickets for seat belt violations.

Port Police officers positioned themselves along Route 11, otherwise known as Cabras Highway, from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. this morning. They stopped all cars that appeared to have occupants inside violating the seat belt laws. The driver of every car that was pulled over was issued a citation as the Click It or Ticket Campaign calls for 100 percent enforcement of the laws.

"Wear your seat belt at all times because the laws that are in place are there to protect you and your loved ones," said Port Police Lt. Higinio Camacho. "Seat belts do save lives."

The Port Authority of Guam's Port Police Division has joined local and national law enforcement officers and highway safety advocates all across the country for the 2011 national *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement campaign which will last May 23-June 5. Camacho said the local Click It or Ticket Campaign is being launched in conjunction with Guam Police, Airport Police and the Department of Public Works Office of Highway Safety. He advises all motorists to follow all posted speed limits and to always wear their seat belts. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, high-visibility enforcement such as the *Click It or Ticket* Campaign is credited with increasing the national belt usage rate from 58 percent in 1994 to an observed usage rate of 85 percent in 2010. Belt use saves thousands of lives each year across America. In 2009 alone, seat belts saved 12,713 lives nationwide.

"Local motorists should be prepared to buckle up," Camacho said. "If law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled anytime or anywhere, you can expect to get a ticket — not a warning. No excuses and no exceptions."

Note to News Editors: The following are two cutlines for the attached photos.

Click It or Ticket 1: Port Police Officer II Mike Lasiste inspects the occupants of a vehicle to determine whether they are wearing their seatbelts as the driver travels along Route 11, otherwise known as Cabras Highway, this morning during the Click It or Ticket Campaign.

Click It or Ticket 2: Port Police Lt. Higinio Camacho monitors the occupants of semi-truck travelling along Route 11, otherwise known as Cabras Highway, this morning during the Click It or Ticket Campaign.

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