



## Law Enforcement Officer **MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY**

- In the last 30 years, officer deaths due to motor vehicle crashes have increased by 40%.
- Between 1997 and 2002, the number of motor vehicle fatalities exceeded that of firearm deaths among officers.
- Little research has been done on officer's driving habits — but we know they often have very good reasons for not using seatbelts, including the need to enter and exit vehicles quickly and entanglement of firearm holsters.

### **STUDY PURPOSE**

- This research study will survey law enforcement officers throughout Iowa to identify perceptions, policies, and practices that affect their use of seatbelts while in patrol vehicles.
- Your law enforcement agency is one of 100 that were randomly selected State-wide to participate in this ground-breaking study.
- Results will be used to raise awareness of the importance of motor vehicle safety behaviors in preventing on-the-job injuries in law enforcement.
- Our long-term goal is to reduce motor vehicle related injuries and fatalities among law enforcement officers.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We will be contacting you in the weeks to come to arrange a meeting date and time. We are looking forward to meeting you and further discussing this important research project. We are delighted to be embarking on this study with your department and the State of Iowa.

### **CONTACTS**

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