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The Torrance Police Department Encourages Everyone to Travel Safely During the Thanksgiving Holiday

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As millions of families throughout the state hit the road to visit friends and family this Thanksgiving holiday, the Torrance Police Department reminds drivers and passengers the importance of wearing a seat belt, and the potentially deadly consequences of not buckling up.

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel times of the year. According to AAA, 55.4 million people are expected to travel 50 miles or more from home this Thanksgiving holiday, up 2.3% from 2022. With more cars on the road, the chances of being involved in a crash go up, and a seat belt is the best defense.

"Whether you're traveling near or far for Thanksgiving, our top priority is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable holiday," said Sergeant David Koenig. "Wearing a seatbelt is the most effective way to protect yourself in the event of a crash. Therefore, it is essential for drivers and passengers alike to fasten their seatbelts every time they travel."

Under California law, children under two years old who weigh under 40 pounds or are under 40 inches tall must ride in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of eight or under 4' 9" tall must be secured in a car or booster seat.

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