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Seatbelt Checkpoint in Southwest Shreveport

The Shreveport Police Department announces a Seatbelt Checkpoint to be conducted on March 1, 2024, commencing at 2:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:00 p.m. This checkpoint will be located in the southwest region of the city.

The primary objective of this checkpoint is to enforce Louisiana's occupant protection laws. However, it is essential to note that the scope of the checkpoint extends beyond this specific violation. Officers will be vigilant in identifying any violations of traffic laws for the overall safety of motorists and pedestrians.

The initiative stems from our commitment to reducing fatalities and severe injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents. Research has consistently shown that proper seatbelt usage significantly decreases the likelihood of serious harm in the event of a collision.

The Shreveport Police Department will adhere to the guidelines outlined in the Louisiana State Police Roadside Safety Checkpoint Manual for the physical construction and operation of the checkpoint.

Funding for this initiative is made possible through the support of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's highway safety grant. We are grateful for their partnership in our ongoing efforts to enhance traffic safety within our community.

We urge all motorists to comply with traffic laws, including the proper use of seatbelts, not only during this checkpoint but at all times. Together, we can create a safer environment for everyone on the road.