



**Shreveport Police Department  
Chief Wayne Smith**

Media Inquiries:

[shreveportpdpio@shreveportla.gov](mailto:shreveportpdpio@shreveportla.gov)

News Release:

4-23-2024

---

**Shreveport Police Ensure Road Safety Through Successful Checkpoint Operation**

On April 19, 2024, the Shreveport Police Department conducted a targeted safety checkpoint on East Kings Highway from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., aiming to enforce Louisiana’s occupant protection laws. This strategic initiative is part of ongoing efforts to enhance road safety and reduce the occurrence of fatalities and severe injuries resulting from traffic accidents.

During the six-hour operation, a total of 1306 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. The dedicated efforts of our officers led to the issuance of 161 citations to drivers found in violation of occupant protection laws.

The primary objective of this checkpoint was to address the critical issue of unrestrained motorists, whose disregard significantly increases the risk of fatalities and severe injuries in the event of a crash. Proper seatbelt usage remains the most effective measure to safeguard individuals involved in vehicular accidents.

Chief Wayne Smith and the Shreveport Police Department encourage all motorists to prioritize their safety and the safety of others by consistently using seatbelts while traveling in vehicles. Buckling up is a simple yet crucial step that can significantly reduce the severity of injuries sustained in accidents.