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## **SADD STUDENTS GATHER FOR STATEWIDE KICK-OFF**

### *Youth Leaders Celebrate National Seat-Belt Campaign & Global Youth Traffic Safety Month*

COLUMBUS – Ohio Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), the state’s peer-to-peer prevention, education and activism organization, today gathered with state officials to celebrate the National Click It or Ticket mobilization, calling on all Ohioans to wear their safety belt – Every trip, Every time.

**What:** The Ohio kick-off for Global Youth Traffic Safety Month & Click It or Ticket

**Who:** Director Thomas P. Charles, Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Lt. Colonel Paul Pride, Assistant Superintendent, Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Director Richard Birt, Ohio SADD  
SADD Teen Leaders from across the state

**When:** Monday, May 20, 2013  
2:00 PM

**Where:** The Ohio Department of Public Safety Atrium  
1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus

According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 161 drivers between the ages of 16 and 20 were involved in fatal crashes on Ohio roadways in 2011. Seat-belt usage is a simple habit that can save a life. Traffic Safety is a whole community issue, one that will require teens, parents, law enforcement and the public to work together. Today teens work alongside state agencies to pass along this message.

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