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## Tennessee and Georgia Team Up for Hands Across the Border

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**NASHVILLE** – The Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security are teaming up with law enforcement across the state and in bordering states to reduce roadway fatalities through enforcement and education. The GHSO will join Tennessee and Georgia law enforcement agencies for a *Click It or Ticket* enforcement blitz on Thursday, May 26. The agencies will have media availability Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. EDT at the First Tennessee Pavilion with the enforcement event to follow on Rossville Boulevard at the Georgia state line.

**WHO:** Kendell Poole, Director, Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office  
 Harris Blackwood, Director, Georgia Office of Highway Safety  
 Clint Shrum, Law Enforcement Liaison, Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office  
 Lt. Jason Blackman, Georgia State Patrol  
 Joe Guy, McMinn County Sheriff  
 Rocky King, Benton Chief of Police  
 Captain David McGill, Tennessee Highway Patrol

**WHAT:** Tennessee/Georgia *Hands Across the Border* Press Conference

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 26, 2011  
 6:00 pm, EDT

**WHERE:** First Tennessee Pavilion  
 1826 Carter Street  
 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37408

Safety advocates created the *Hands Across the Border* campaign in 1991 to bring about more awareness of safety belt and child safety seat use across the southeastern states. Participating state and local enforcement agencies sponsor education and community outreach events and provide motorists with literature about the dangers of drunk driving, as well as the importance of safety belt and proper child safety seat use. Law enforcement officials are buckling down on those not buckled up this summer and will show zero tolerance for anyone caught speeding, driving impaired or not wearing a safety belt.

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