PennDOT Seeks Highway Safety Input Through Online Survey

Harrisburg, **PA**– The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, (PennDOT) is seeking motorists' input on highway safety, traffic safety enforcement and driving behaviors through an online survey at www.penndot.gov/safety

"Our top priority continues to be safety," PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said. "Public input through this survey allows us to quantify and adjust our safety efforts while gauging participants' knowledge of the consequences of unsafe behaviors."

The brief survey will be available until August 23 and focuses on highway safety issues such as seat belts, impaired driving, speeding, motorcycles and distracted driving. People completing the survey may remain anonymous, but are asked to provide their gender, age and county of residence.

More than 850 people responded to last year's survey. Last year's notable results included that, in the previous 60 days, nearly 77 percent of respondents said they had not driven a motor vehicle within two hours after consuming alcoholic beverages. Also, 86 percent of drivers indicated they always used a seat belt.

On survey questions related to motorcycles, 88 percent of respondents reported that they always wear helmets or other protective gear, an increase from 78 percent in 2014.

Last year's survey also asked about texting or emailing while driving. Ninety percent of those surveyed indicated that they never or rarely text message or email while driving, an increase from 87 percent in 2014.

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