

Seatbelt Hearing Outline

- Mr. Chairman, thank you for letting us present today in favor of Senate bill 274
- Introduce myself
- Brief overview of what was said last year:
 - Transferred into rural Stafford County and saw very low seat belt usage-especially in teenagers
 - Community (and myself) wanted to change that
 - Tried saturation enforcement-saw results but not what was needed
- Looked into the SAFE program from the KSTRO office
 - Got it implemented in 2013 for 2013/2014 school year in all three high schools
 - Been a great benefit to the community having the SAFE program! (trickledown effect: students-parents at home-businesses-to everyday life)
 - Not only the students got very involved with the program, but the community support became very big
 - Better quality of life for not only the high schoolers (our future), but also for the entire community
 - Over two years into the program and we have seen not only better seat belt usage, but also better life decisions in all our schools
 - Remind them of Morgan and her story
 - Continued to see a rise in seat belt usage again last year.
- Continuation of SAFE and seat belt use in area
 - Stories like Morgan's (and all other lifesaving stories) are the driving force for the community on why we do what we do.

- Look forward to continuing the SAFE program in the area and save as many lives as possible through our efforts.