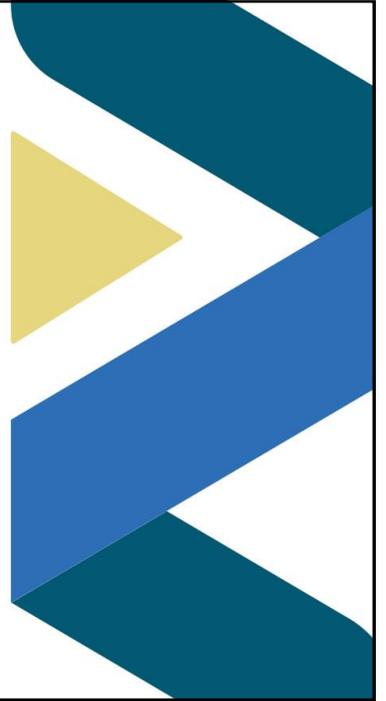




# Seat Belt Challenge

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What is the seatbelt challenge?



## Seatbelt Challenge Basics

- Teams of four race to buckle themselves into every seat in a vehicle.
  - All participants will start belted into a seat.
  - On the whistle, each participant will unbuckle, change seats, and rebuckle.
  - The whistle will sound again when each person is seat belted into their new seat.
  - Process repeats until each person has buckled into each seat in the vehicle and returns to their starting position.
  - Time recorded by SROs for each team.
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- Participants received free t-shirt.
  - Members of the fastest teams at each site won Kwik Trip gift cards (donated).



## Registration & Rules

### Seatbelt Challenge Registration Form

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

High School: (Circle One)

ALC                      Phoenix                      Century  
 John Marshall                      Mayo

Grade Level: (Circle One)

9                      10                      11                      12

School Resource Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

### Seatbelt Challenge Rules

- 1) Teams will include 4 participants.
- 2) One observer and one timer is needed for each vehicle being used in the competition.
- 3) Each team will be timed based on the following:
  - a) Student starts buckled into their seat.
  - b) When all are buckled the observer will blow a whistle signifying that students are to unbuckle, get out move to the next position in the vehicle, in a clockwise direction.
    - i) Timer will start the clock on the blowing of the whistle.
  - c) Once students are in the next seated position, and are buckled, they need to raise their hands.
  - d) When all students are buckled with their hands raised, the observer will yell out "CHECK".
  - e) The word "CHECK" indicates that all are able to unbuckle and move to the next position.
  - f) This will continue until each person is buckled back in their original seat.
- 4) No one is allowed to touch the outside of the vehicles.
  - a) No touching doors, hood, trunk...
- 5) Students will start and end in the same seated and buckled position.
- 6) The observer will blow the whistle at the completion of the event signaling the timer to stop the clock.
- 7) Finish time will be recorded after each attempt, maximum of two attempts will be allowed.
- 8) The fastest recorded time will be awarded first place. (Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams on championship day run).





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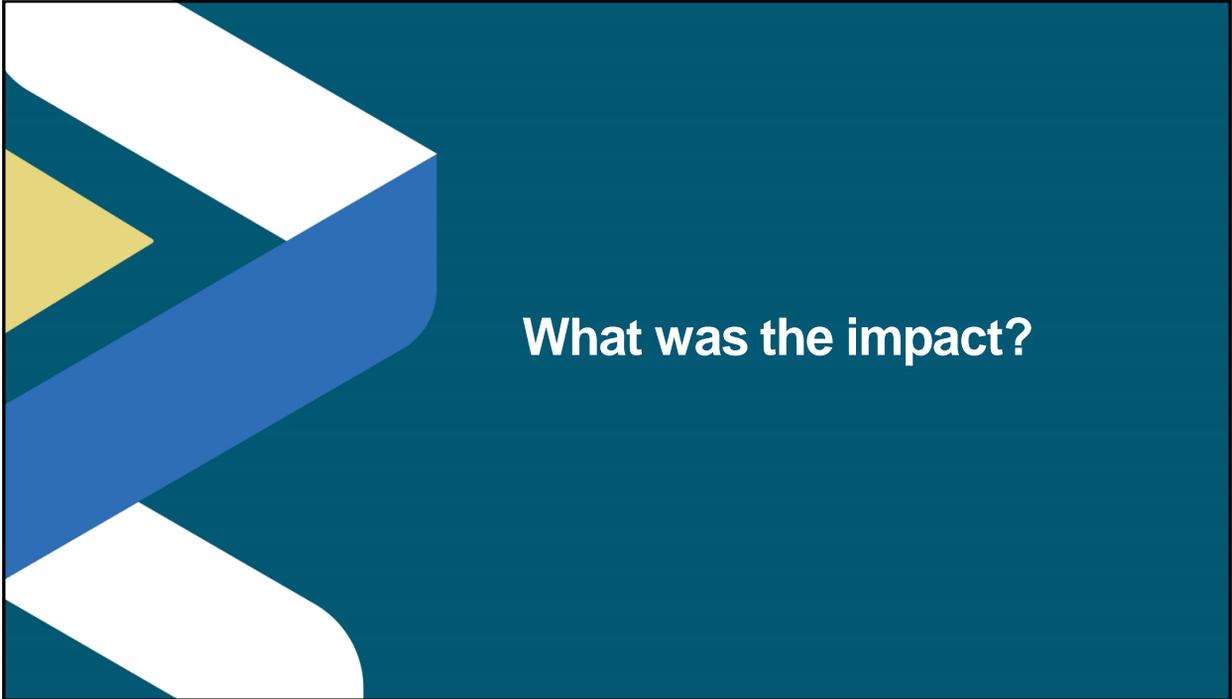
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## Funding and Partners

- RPD awarded grant money from GHSA and NRSF for youth mobility and traffic safety.
- SRO Unit used a portion of those funds for the Seatbelt Challenge event.
- Kwik Trip donated Gift Cards
- A-Z Embroidery gave preferred pricing for t-shirts.
- RPD branded items given away.
- Used vehicles from the RPD/RPS Driver's Education partnership



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## Participation

### John Marshall High School

- 36 teams, 144 participants
- 100 spectators

### Century High School

- 44 teams, 176 participants
- 150 spectators

### Mayo High School

- 56 teams, 224 participants
- 200 spectators



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## Educational Component

- Surveys were completed before and after each team participated in the event.
- Used NHTSA information to formulate questions.
- SROs required survey completion to receive prizes (free shirts, PD handouts and gift cards)
- We observed an increase in correct responses after the seatbelt challenge was completed by teams.

Circle True or False for the following questions:

1. Air bags are enough to protect you in a crash.

True                  False

2. Not buckling up can result in being totally ejected from the vehicle in a crash, which is almost always deadly.

True                  False

3. Buckling up is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a car.

True                  False



## Student Engagement

- SROs worked with School District Equity Specialists to engage students from all backgrounds.
- Grant focused on underserved communities
- Event was great engagement with students, staff and SROs from across the school district



## What's next?

- Pre-COVID, schools from across Olmsted County participated in challenge and championship event was held.
- Top teams from each school competed for traveling trophy.
- RPD SROs hope to build seatbelt challenge back to a county-wide event.



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