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Dear Chebeague Island Residents,

We have received several inquiries as to whether wearing seatbelts in a vehicle being operated on Chebeague Island is a violation or not.

State law requires safety seat belts to be in all motor vehicle that were made after 1966. State law also requires the occupants including the driver to be "buckled up" while the vehicle is being operated. There are no provisions in Maine law to exempt any island, town, municipality, or other entity from the seatbelt law.

The fine for the first violation is \$50.00, \$125.00 for the second offense, and \$250.00 for the third offense. It is worth mentioning that serious injuries can and do occur in low speed crashes as well as high speed crashes. Therefore, although they may seem somewhat cumbersome to apply, seatbelts do save lives, and there is data to prove it.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will enforce all state laws when appropriate and necessary. So please remember your choice is "click it or ticket"!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "KJ Joyce", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Kevin J. Joyce