Pickup Truck Crashes in Georgia 2008

OVERVIEW

Pickup Truck Fatality and/or Severe Injury County Crash: 2006-2008

- There were 76,034 pickup truck crashes—carrying 106,566 people.
- Of these 14% were either injured (14,289) or killed (249) — which is more people than the individual population sizes of 59 Georgia counties.
- Although pickup trucks accounted for 14% of motor vehicle crashes, they tallied 18% of motor vehicle fatalities.

UNRESTRAINED PICKUP TRUCK OCCUPANTS

Unrestrained Pickup Truck Occupants are:

- 44 times more likely to be killed than those restrained.
- 4 times more likely to be admitted to the Hospital ($65,000 avg. charge) instead of treated and released from the Emergency Room ($2,800 avg. charge).

26% of the pickup truck occupants were observed unrestrained in comparison to 7% of car occupants.

REPEALING PICKUP TRUCK EXEMPTION

- Georgia is the only state with a primary belt law that excludes pickup trucks.
- If pickup truck restraint use rates were the same as the rates for other vehicles in Georgia, there would be 107 lives saved and 928 fewer injuries per year.
- If occupants were restrained approximately $30 million of the hospital and emergency room charges would have been saved.