



**THOMAS M. KNIGHT, SHERIFF**  
SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MEDIA OFFICE  
Post Office Box 4115  
Sarasota, Florida 34230-4115  
(941) 861-4005 Fax: (941) 861-4089  
www.SarasotaSheriff.org



**Date: 07/02/09**

**Released By: Wendy Rose**

**NR #:09-136**

## **ENHANCED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT RESULTS**

Enhanced traffic enforcement efforts by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday yielded the following results:

- Citations issued – 533
- Criminal summons/arrests – 18
- Warnings – 866

The majority of those warnings were for seat belt violations. The Sheriff's Office chose only to educate drivers about the new law and not cite them for not wearing safety belts.

Regarding the department-wide operation, Sheriff Tom Knight said, "Traffic laws are intended to keep roadways safe. We would rather be out there with reminders than responding to a traffic crash that takes someone's life."