# Are YOU part of the Problem or part of the Solution?

### Join with others in our cities and counties and be Part of the Solution

Everyone wants their friends and loved ones to return safe every day from school, work, day-care or wherever they may be. Together we can make safety a reality for everyone and can end needless tragedies on lowa roads.

## **♦** Buckle Up

## **♦** Drive Focused

# **♦ Don't Speed**

Nearly every day someone loses their life in a crash on an lowa road. Most crashes occur on rural roads and they usually involve only one vehicle. What is happening to cause such needless loss of life? We are driving too fast, not paying attention, not wearing our seat belts and we are paying a very high price for these actions.

The single most effective thing any of us can do to be safe in our cars is to wear a safety belt. Nearly all people ejected from a vehicle in any crash are killed. Yet every day, hundreds of Iowans are driving or riding with no protection at all. You might think it's the "other guy" out there who is not paying attention but that you are in control. How will you protect yourself from that other guy?

Make life a priority. Choose to be safe. Tell those you love that you want them to be safe too. It takes you, me and everyone to make a change. Together we can make lowa a better and safer place to live work and enjoy.



Starting in October 2016, the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the County Engineer and the Iowa State Patrol will work to make our roads safer as part of the High 5 Rural Traffic Safety Project. The project is funded by the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and uses traffic data to target areas of the state with a high crash rate and low seat belt usage. The goal is to increase seat belt use and decrease crashes by improving roadways and changing driver behavior. Drivers need to take driving seriously. Buckle up, pay attention to the road, and slow down. Be part of the solution by being a safe driver.









