

## Summer 2008 Road Rules

*In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that may inform readers on the requirements of these sections and the penalties for violating these sections.*

**Buckle Up PA** is a project funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation dedicated to raising the seat belt usage level in Pennsylvania through increased enforcement, public awareness and education. The partnership is comprised of municipal police departments, the Pennsylvania State Police, PennDOT, the US Department of Transportation and community groups and organizations. The West Goshen Police Department will again be participating in these efforts by conducting seat belt checks throughout the year.

Section 4581 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code defines requirements for occupant restraint systems. Drivers are reminded that:

- All drivers are responsible to secure children from birth to age 4 in an approved child passenger restraint system.
- All drivers are responsible to secure children from 4 years of age up to 8 years of age in a seat belt system and an appropriately fitting child booster seat.
- Driver and all front seat passengers must be restrained.
- Drivers are responsible for themselves and to secure all children from 8 years of age up to 18 years of age in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle.
- A driver who is under 18 may not operate a motor vehicle in which the number of passengers exceeds the number of available seat belts in the vehicle.

Certain exemptions are allowed under the law. Guidelines have been prepared by the Department of Transportation to provide guidance for these exemptions. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at 1-800-CAR-BELT or visit [www.buckleuppa.org](http://www.buckleuppa.org).