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## **Upcoming Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Detail**

As summer comes to an end and the school year begins again, the Tigard Police Department Traffic Safety Unit is conducting a Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Detail on Friday, August 27th, 2021. The enforcement will be conducted at marked and unmarked crosswalks near schools in Tigard, from 08:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. focused on drivers who don't stop for pedestrians.

As a reminder, every intersection – whether marked or not – is considered a crosswalk in Oregon. With the school year beginning again, the volume of crosswalk traffic will be rising as students and parents make their way to and from school. One of the goals of this enforcement detail is to raise driver awareness about pedestrian safety, which also reduces the risk of automobile-pedestrian crashes and injuries.

Depending on the circumstances of the situation, drivers may be issued warnings or citations as part of this enforcement detail. They will also be given a brochure called "What you need to know about Oregon crosswalk laws" to help them learn about the relevant state laws and improve safety.

Learn more at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Safety/Documents/OregonCrosswalkLawsENG.pdf">www.oregon.gov/odot/Safety/Documents/OregonCrosswalkLawsENG.pdf</a>.

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