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### **UPCOMING TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENTS**

Tigard Police officers will be joining other agencies throughout Oregon in upcoming traffic safety enforcements as Memorial Day weekend approaches.

Between May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, officers will be conducting several dedicated safety belt enforcements. The Department will also be taking part in high-visibility DUI enforcements, particularly over Memorial Day weekend.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the national seat belt use rate in 2023 was 91.9%, which is good — but it can be better. The other 8.1% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.

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One of the focuses of the Click It or Ticket campaign is nighttime enforcement. NHTSA data shows a higher number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities happen at night. Also, seat belt use differs between men and women; of the men killed in crashes in 2021, more than half (54%) were unrestrained. For women killed in crashes, 42% were not buckled up.

Tigard Police officers take part in safety enforcements like this throughout the year, focused on a range of safety issues like DUI, distracted driving, pedestrian safety, seat belt use, and more. These enforcements are made possible thanks to federal funding from NHTSA, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact.

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