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Upcoming Seat Belt Enforcement

As part of a national safety campaign, Tigard Police officers will be joining other law enforcement agencies across Oregon in an enforcement focused on seat belt violations, called *Click It or Ticket*.

Focused around the Memorial Day holiday, the high-visibility campaign will run from Monday, May 24th through Sunday, June 6th. Officers will focus on drivers and passengers who are not wearing seat belts or are wearing them incorrectly.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- The national seat belt use rate in 2019 was 90.7%, which is good, but we can do better. The other 9.3% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.
- Among young adults 18 to 34 killed while riding in passenger vehicles in 2019, more than half (57%) were not wearing seat belts — one of the highest percentages for all age groups.
- Men wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do. 51% of men killed in crashes were unrestrained, compared to 40% of women killed in crashes.

This enforcement is made possible thanks to federal grants for overtime hours, which are distributed by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Learn more about the Click It or Ticket mobilization at www.nhtsa.gov/ciot.

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