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Tigard Police Participates in Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign

From February 3-16, 2020, the Tigard Police Department (TPD) is participating in a grant-funded national seat-belt enforcement campaign along with other Oregon law enforcement agencies. This annual high-visibility enforcement effort—Click It or Ticket—is offered by the United States Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Thanks to a grant awarded by the Oregon Department of Transportation, TPD Traffic Safety Officers will work overtime on seat-belt enforcement to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws. Where officers observe other unsafe driving behaviors during this effort, they will be able to intervene.

The intent of the Click It or Ticket campaign is to save lives. Safety belts used correctly can reduce the risk of major crash injury or death by up to 65%. Car seats are estimated to increase crash survival by 71% for infants under one year old and 59% for toddlers ages one to four.

Recent surveys of Tigard motorists demonstrated that nearly 96% of front-seat occupants in passenger vehicles complied with seat-belt laws. The national average is just over 90%. While the compliance rates are impressive, the lack of seat-belt or child restraint use has been a factor in numerous motor vehicle fatalities in Oregon, including 64 motor vehicle occupant fatalities in 2017.

For more information on the Click It or Ticket campaign, please visit: www.nhtsa.gov/ciot.

For information on seat-belt and child seat safety and proper installation, see:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/safety/pages/belts-seats.aspx>.