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Tigard Police Conduct Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Detail on 9/8/20

On Tuesday, September 8th from 8am-12pm, the Tigard Police Department Traffic Safety Unit is conducting a pedestrian safety enforcement detail at two marked crosswalks in Tigard. Officers will focus on drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians using these crosswalks. They are choosing intersections where there are a significant number of pedestrian crossings, complaints and traffic safety issues.

The detail will consist of an experienced pedestrian decoy (from Tigard Police Department Staff) and uniformed sworn officers. The objective is to raise driver awareness of crosswalk laws, traffic safety and reduce the number of automobile-pedestrian collisions. This is one of the efforts the department makes to improve safety along our roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.

In Oregon, every intersection is a crosswalk – whether it is marked or unmarked. Oregon law requires motorists to yield and stop for pedestrians who are legally crossing streets. Violation of the law is a Class B traffic violation with a presumptive fine of \$265.

Tigard officers advise drivers to always drive a safe speed, avoid distractions, scan the environment and be prepared to stop and yield for pedestrians near the roadway. By being in the habit of looking out for people walking, you can help assure all Oregonians get home safe.

This enforcement effort is funded by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation and administered by Oregon Impact.