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Tigard Police Conduct Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Detail

On September 8, 2020, the Tigard Police Traffic Safety Unit conducted a pedestrian safety enforcement detail. As a result of their efforts, 11 drivers were issued a citation or warning for failing to stop and remain stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk.

The operation was planned for two locations: SW Walnut and 116th and SW Greenburg Road and Center. Officers chose crosswalks to monitor that had a significant number of pedestrian crossings, complaints and traffic safety issues.

The detail was abruptly halted an hour early because of the impact of the wildfires on the public safety system in the county.

The objective of this detail is to raise driver awareness of crosswalk and traffic safety laws. In Oregon, every intersection is a crosswalk—whether marked or unmarked—and drivers must yield and stop for pedestrians legally crossing the road. Additionally, 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.

The pedestrian safety detail is one of the Tigard Police Department's efforts to improve safety along our roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. In the future, the department plans to continue participating in this detail funded by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation and administered by Oregon Impact.