



# Tigard Police Department Media Release

---

13125 SW Hall Boulevard | Tigard, Oregon 97223 | [www.tigard-or.gov/police](http://www.tigard-or.gov/police)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | February 3, 2016**

**Contact:**

Jim Wolf, Public Information Officer  
Tigard Police Department  
Phone: 503-718-2561  
Email: [jim@tigard-or.gov](mailto:jim@tigard-or.gov)

## Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign Set To Begin In Tigard

Tigard Police will once again be participating in a nationwide effort focusing on enforcement and education regarding the importance of vehicle safety belts and proper usage of child safety seats. The effort is part of a campaign more commonly known as “Click-It or Ticket.”

The two week-long blitz begins on February 8th and continues through February 21st. This effort is a multi-jurisdictional approach to help ensure motorists respect, obey and understand the importance of using seat belts and child safety seats. Tigard Police will be focusing on enforcement at various times and days. The program is made possible through dedicated federal funding providing overtime opportunities to carry out the program. Officers will be focusing on overall seatbelt and child safety seat compliance, speed violations and the use of a mobile communicative device by drivers.

Recent statistics indicated that Tigard motorists demonstrated nearly 97% compliance regarding passenger vehicle safety belt usage for front-seated occupants. The national average is just over 80% while Oregon shown slightly over 98% compliance. While these figures are encouraging, it should also be noted that the lack of safety belt use was a major factor in *half* of all motor vehicle fatalities in Oregon during recent years.

Tigard Police would like to remind motorists that traffic laws are essential and need to be obeyed for the safety of everyone who travels our roadways. You can learn more about “Click-It or Ticket” at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT)

Remember: buckle-up, slow down and don't text and drive. Nine words we can all live with.  
[www.tigard-or.gov/police](http://www.tigard-or.gov/police)