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Tigard Police Set To Begin Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign

The Tigard Police Department will once again participate in a nationwide traffic safety campaign to enforce Oregon seat belt laws. The program is set to begin on August 22 and continue until September 4. The two-week long blitz is a multi-jurisdictional approach to help ensure motorists respect, obey and understand the importance of using vehicle seat belts. Tigard Police officers will be focusing on enforcement at various times and days during the campaign. This effort is made possible through dedicated federal funding providing overtime opportunities to carry out the program. Officers will be watching for overall seatbelt compliance along with violations surrounding unlawful cell phone use such as talking or texting while driving.

Recent statistics indicated that Tigard motorists demonstrated nearly 97 per cent compliance regarding passenger vehicle safety belt usage for front-seated occupants. The national average is just over 80 per cent. While the figures are encouraging, it should 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.

The safety campaign also adds that Tigard Police will be enforcing the laws surrounding the use of proper passenger restraints for children. Information regarding guidelines, planned child safety seat installation clinics and correct usage for child safety seats can found at www.oregon.gov