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WPD Safety Blitz #3 Enforcement

Warrenton, OR – The Warrenton Police Department will be joining with the other law enforcement agencies in Clatsop County and around the State of Oregon to participate in the **3rd Safety Belt Blitz Monday, August 24, 2020 through Sunday, September 6, 2020**. During this timeframe WPD officers will use grant-funded OT hours as well as straight-time enforcement hours to provide enhanced patrols looking for all traffic violation with an emphasis on:

- Child Seats
- Fitting Station Referrals for Child Passenger Safety Week later in September
- Texting & Speed

Distracted-Driving Stats

- *ODOT crash data for 2018 shows lack of safety belt or child restraint use was a factor in 28% or 86 of a total 311 motor vehicle occupant fatalities.*
- *Safety belts used correctly can reduce the risk of major crash injury or death by up to sixty- five percent.*
- ***In 2017 an Oregon law was passed requiring children to ride in a rear-facing safety seat until they are at least two years old.** A child over age two must continue to ride in a car seat with harness or in a booster until they reach age eight or 4' 9" in height and the adult belt fits them correctly.*
- *Many car seat fitting stations will host special events during National Child Passenger Safety Week September 20 through 26, with Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on-hand to assist families with selection and use of car seats and boosters.*
- *Visit a local child seat fitting station listed at: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats#inspection-inspection> or at http://oregonimpact.org/Child_Passenger_Safety.*

These efforts are done with the goal to increase traffic safety and reduce traffic-related traffic incidents.

As always, the WPD continues to encourage drivers to be safe, responsible, and use common sense to keep the roadways safe in Warrenton and Hammond at all times of the year.

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