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Results: Deputies Conduct 370 Traffic Stops During Enhanced Patrols

February 19, 2019

Between the dates of February 4 and February 17, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted 370 traffic stops during our enhanced seat belt patrols. In addition to issuing citations for drivers not wearing seatbelts, deputies also cited drivers for other issues related to driver safety.

Here's a breakdown of what deputies found during the two week period:

- 27 seat belt citations
- 87 cell phone citations
- 49 speed citations
- 10 driving while suspended citations
- 61 other citations
- 1 DUII arrest
- 2 wanted suspect arrests

The Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit is dedicated to promoting and improving traffic safety through education, analysis, and enforcement. Learn more about the team:

www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff/fightingcrime/patrols/traffic-safety-unit.cfm

Deputies Conducting Enhanced Seat Belt Patrols in Early February

February 4, 2019

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA), will be joining other law enforcement agencies across the state to promote proper seat belt use and increase public safety.

Between the dates of February 4 and February 17, 2019, extra deputies will be on the roadways looking for vehicle occupants not wearing, or improperly using seat belts. They will also be checking for proper child safety seat use.

According to the NHTSA, motor vehicle crashes are still the leading cause of death or disability in children from two to fourteen years of age. This number is due in large part to non-use, or improper use of seat belts and child safety seats. Proper seat belt and child restraint use is the number one way to prevent injury or death if you or your children are involved in a crash.



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For safety belt systems, proper use means the lap belt must be placed low across the hips and the shoulder belt should cross the center of the chest over the collar bone. Belts should be free of slack and have no twists or knots. The shoulder belt should NOT be placed under the arm or behind the back; this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in a crash.

Information regarding proper child safety seat use and local car seat clinics can be found at www.oregonimpact.org/.

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