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Click it or Ticket Traffic Safety Campaign

Officers from the Beaverton Police Department and other law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon will be working a Click it or Ticket Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign. This campaign will begin Monday, May 15, 2017, and will continue through Sunday, May 28, 2017.

The focus of this campaign is seatbelt use and minors riding in an open pickup bed. Officers will still be looking for motorists violating the hands-free cell phone law and speeders. The goal of this campaign is to reduce traffic injuries and deaths by increased education and enforcement.

Roadside observations of belt use among Oregon travelers in 2016 revealed 96% of travelers use safety belts. But despite this high use rate among the general population, Oregon crash data for 2015 shows a lack of belt use in 27% of daytime and 50% of night time crashes. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) estimates that at least half of those who died unbelted or 67 persons could have been saved if everyone used safety belts on every trip.

Safety belts, used correctly, can reduce the risk of major crash injury or death by up to sixty-five percent. Belts are even more effective when used in combination with airbag systems and other not-so-obvious occupant protection features designed into today's vehicles.

Child seats may increase crash survival by 71% for infants under one-year-old and by up to 59% for toddlers aged one to four. Booster seats may reduce the chance of nonfatal injury among four to eight-year-olds by 45% compared to safety belts used alone.

The Beaverton Police Department will continue to strive to keep our citizens safe, reminding you that car seats, seat belts and following the posted speed limit are effective ways to protect you and your family. Our enforcement efforts will be ongoing as we work with the community to save lives.

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