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ODOT SEAT BELT SAFETY BLITZ RESULTS

The Beaverton Police Department participated in a “seat belt safety blitz” from August 24 – September 6, 2020 to ensure motorists and their passengers were properly using their safety belts while traveling in motor vehicles.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), “One of the safest choices drivers and passenger can make is to buckle up. Many Americans understand the lifesaving value of the seat belt – the national use rate was at 90.7% in 2019. Seat belt use in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 14,955 lives in 2017.”

“It’s absolutely critical that people understand the value of wearing a seat belt,” said Sgt. Dalton with the Beaverton Police Department traffic division. Dalton continued, “The probability that you are thrown from the vehicle or seriously injured during a traffic crash increases dramatically if you are not belted in.”

During the increased patrol, Beaverton Police Officers made 111 traffic stops and issued 90 citations for violations including but not limited to Speeding, Driving While Suspended and Distracted Driving. Officers did not locate or cite anyone for not properly wearing their seat belt.

The Beaverton Police Department will continue to patrol for seat belt violations to ensure motorist safety.

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