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RE: Sheriff's Office Traffic Grant

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The Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the Oregon Department of Transportation, awarded the Klamath County Sheriff's Office grant funds for traffic safety during 2018-19 totaling **\$17,500**. The grants are being used to increase traffic enforcement with focused patrols for Distracted Driving, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUI), Occupant Protection (Safety Belts) and Speed Enforcement during the below specified events.

Distracted Driving

Grant Amount = **\$5,000**

- National Distracted Driving Awareness Month 4/2019 — SCHEDULED
- High Visibility Enforcement Now — 9/30/2019

DUI High Visibility Enforcement Events

Grant Amount = **\$2,000**

- Christmas 2018/New Year's 2019 12/13-31/2018 — SCHEDULED
- Super Bowl 2/3/2019 — SCHEDULED
- Labor Day 8/16 — 9/2/2019 — SCHEDULED

Occupant Protection (Safety Belt) Blitz Periods

Grant Amount = **\$5,500**

- Blitz #1 2/4-17/2019 — SCHEDULED
- Blitz #2 Click It or Ticket 5/20-6/2/2019 — SCHEDULED
- Blitz #3 8/19-9/1/2019 — SCHEDULED

Speed Enforcement

Grant Amount = **\$5,000**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now — 9/30/2019

End of Grant Results

From October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 deputies conducted High Visibility Enforcement, in addition to regularly assigned responsibilities, totaling:

329.5 Hours

250 Citations (Distracted Driving, Safety Belts, Speed, Suspended License, etc.)

377 Warnings (Distracted Driving, Safety Belts, Speed, etc.)

13 Arrests (DUII, Driving While Suspended/Revoked, Warrants, etc.)

The Klamath County Sheriff's Office appreciates the response from the public in the two-prong approach to traffic issues locally and statewide, Education and Enforcement. With grants from the Oregon Department of Transportation, deputies will again be conducting High Visibility Enforcement in 2019/2020 including Pedestrian Enforcement on busy streets and crosswalks.

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