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Media Release

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Re: Sheriff's Office Traffic Grant
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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in association with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA), awarded the Klamath County Sheriff's Office grant funds for traffic safety during 2019-2020 totaling **\$21,500**. The grants are being used to increase traffic enforcement with focused patrols for Distracted Driving, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII), Occupant Protection (Safety Belts), Pedestrian Safety and Speed Enforcement during the below specified events.

Distracted Driving

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now - 9/30/2020
- ~~National Distracted Driving Awareness Month~~ ~~4/2020~~ ~~SCHEDULED~~

DUII High Visibility Enforcement Events

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now - 9/30/2020
- ~~Thanksgiving~~ ~~11/27~~ ~~12/1/2019~~
- ~~Christmas 2019 / New Year's 2020~~ ~~12/13~~ ~~1/2/2020~~
- ~~Super Bowl~~ ~~2/2/2020~~ ~~SCHEDULED~~
- Labor Day 8/16 - 9/3/2020 - SCHEDULED

Occupant Protection (Safety Belt) Blitz Periods

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now - 9/30/2020
- ~~Thanksgiving Click It or Ticket~~ ~~11/27~~ ~~12/1/2019~~
- ~~Blitz #1~~ ~~2/3~~ ~~2/16/2020~~ ~~SCHEDULED~~
- ~~Blitz #2 Click It or Ticket~~ ~~5/18~~ ~~5/31/2020~~ ~~SCHEDULED~~
- Blitz #3 8/24 - 9/6/2020 - SCHEDULED

Pedestrian Safety

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now - 9/30/2020

Speed Enforcement

Grant Amount = **\$4,000**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now - 9/30/2020

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High Visibility Enforcement

During the month of June, deputies provided fourteen (14) hours of High Visibility Enforcement for Speed Enforcement. During these increased patrols, deputies issued seven (7) citations and seven (7) warnings.

- Crash data since 2011 shows an overall decrease in the number of deaths and injuries attributed to speed. Despite advancements in vehicle safety and passenger protection, thousands of Americans die each year in speed-related crashes.
- According to NHTSA, a crash on a road with a speed limit of 65 mph or greater is more than twice as likely to result in a fatality than a crash on a road with a speed limit of 45 or 50 mph and nearly five times as likely as a crash on a road with a speed limit of 40 mph or below.
- Speeding is usually defined as driving in excess of the posted speed limit or driving too fast for conditions. It can have dangerous consequences including:
 - Reducing a driver's ability to negotiate curves or maneuver around obstacles in the roadway;
 - Extending the distance traveled before a vehicle can stop;
 - Increasing the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a hazard;
 - Increasing the risk of crashes and injuries because other vehicles and pedestrians may not be able to judge distance correctly.



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