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MILWAUKIE POLICE PARTICIPATING IN CLICK IT OF TICKET CAMPAIGN

Milwaukie Police are participating in a national Click It or Ticket campaign on seatbelt usage.

Milwaukie Police are participating in the national Click It or Ticket campaign that focuses on seatbelt usage. The campaign is a national traffic enforcement mobilization funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through ODOT's Safety Division.

From May 19, 2008 until June 1, 2008 Milwaukie officers will be conducting enforcement sweeps looking for proper seatbelt and child restraint usage.

Despite having one of the highest usage rates in the country, Oregon still experiences yearly tragedies from lack of usage. Failure to wear a belt was considered a major factor in half of Oregon's 500 traffic deaths. More than a third of children under 8 that were injured were unrestrained, held in laps or using adult belts.

Emphasis will also be placed on changes on the laws concerning child safety restraint usage. Oregon law now requires children weighing less that 40 pounds be restrained in a child safety seat. A child under 1 year of age or weighing less than 20 pounds must be restrained in a rear facing child seat. A child over 40 pounds but under age 8 or less than 4'9" tall must be restrained in a booster seat.

Fines for improper usage or no usage of safety belts and restraints can range up to \$145.

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