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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 2020-2021 totaling **\$19,500**. 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 – 9/30/2021
- National Distracted Driving Awareness Month 4/1 – 4/30/2021 - SCHEDULED

DUII High Visibility Enforcement Events

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2021
- ~~Thanksgiving 11/26 – 11/29/2020~~
- ~~Christmas 2020 / New Year's 2021 12/16 – 1/2/2021~~
- ~~Super Bowl 2/7/2021~~
- Labor Day 8/18 – 9/6/2021

Occupant Protection (Safety Belt) Blitz Periods

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2021
- ~~Blitz #1: 2020 "Click It or Ticket" 11/16 – 11/29/2021~~
- ~~Blitz #2: Belts / Child Restraints 2/1 – 2/14/2021~~
- Blitz #3: 2021 "Click It or Ticket" 5/17 – 5/30/2021
- Blitz #4: Child Seats / Fitting Station Referrals 8/23 – 9/5/2021

Pedestrian Safety

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2021
- Klamath County Fair 8/5 – 8/8/2021

Speed Enforcement

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

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2021

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National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Starting April 1st, 2021 through April 30th, 2021 the Klamath County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

During April, the Klamath County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone about the dangers of distracted driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is airing ads that convey a powerful message about distracted driving. If you're caught texting and driving you'll be pulled over because you're putting your life and your neighbors' lives at risk.

The graphic has a blue background. At the top, the text "FIVE SECONDS" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is "is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting." A horizontal line is drawn under "FIVE SECONDS". Below that, another line of white text reads "At 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field." In the center, there is a yellow stopwatch icon with a digital display showing "5 SEC.". Below the stopwatch is a green football field with white yard lines. Two vertical white lines extend from the ends of the field up to the stopwatch, with horizontal arrows pointing inward to indicate the length of the field. In the bottom left corner, there are logos for NHTSA, "U DRIVE. U TEXT.", and "UPAY". At the very bottom left, in small white text, it says "Source: 2009, VTTI".

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