



# KLAMATH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Media Release

**Date:** May 19, 2021  
**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~~

### 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" 5/24 - 6/6/2021 SCHEDULED
- 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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## **Click It or Ticket**

The Klamath County Sheriff's Office is reminding drivers about the lifesaving benefits of wearing a seat belt this spring, during the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) national *Click It or Ticket* high-visibility enforcement effort. The national seat belt campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, runs from **May 24 to June 6, 2021**.

According to NHTSA, in 2019, there were 9,466 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In that same year, 55% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. That's why one focus of the *Click It or Ticket* campaign is nighttime enforcement. Almost twice as many males were killed in crashes as compared to females, with lower belt use rates, too. Of the males killed in crashes in 2019, more than half (51%) were unrestrained. For females killed in crashes, 40% were not buckled up.

Help us spread this lifesaving message before one more friend or family member is killed as a result of this senseless inaction. Seat belts save lives, and everyone — front seat and back, child and adult — needs to remember to buckle up."

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot)

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