

Hubbard Police will be conducting a safety enforcement blitz starting May 24, 2010. The project will focus on proper fitting seat belts as well as children riding in booster seats (ages 4-8).

Hubbard Police will join with police agencies nationwide for the annual, "Click it or ticket" campaign that runs from May 24th through June 6th. Oregon agencies will focus on educating drivers on the importance of wearing their safety belt properly and making sure children (ages 4-8) are properly secured in a booster seat. Lack of belt use was a major factor in half of all Oregon motor vehicle occupant deaths last year. One in three children under age eight killed or injured in crashes were using adult belt systems (223 children) or were totally unrestrained (22 children) rather than riding in child seats appropriate for their size.

Consistent safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes, according to the US Department of Transportation.

"Proper use" is required by Oregon law and means using the entire belt system, lap belt low across hips, and shoulder belt over the collarbone and crossing the center of the chest. Belts should be free of slack and lying flat with no twists or knots.

Oregon's Three Flags Campaign is committed to reducing traffic crash injuries and deaths by promoting safety belt use and encouraging other safe driving behaviors through active enforcement and education.

The safety enforcement campaign is a federally funded program administered by ODOT through the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and OSP Patrol Services.

Over one hundred state, county and city police agencies are participating in overtime grants to be used primarily during joint, statewide enforcement saturations or, "blitzes" scheduled for May and September.

For more information on the, "Click it or Ticket" program please visit the following web pages, www.nhtsa.dot.gov or www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/safetybelts.shtml