



# KLAMATH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Media Release

**Date:** August 2, 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~~
- 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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## **Klamath County Fair through Labor Day Weekend**

For the rest of the summer months and through Labor Day weekend, the Klamath County Sheriff's Office will be conducting High-Visibility Enforcement. The purpose being to increase focused patrols for Distracted Driving, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII), Occupant Protection (Safety Belts), Pedestrian Safety (PSE) and Speed Enforcement.

'Dare to Fair' is the theme of the 2021 Klamath County Fair scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Klamath County Sheriff's Office wants to ensure that fairgoers get to-and-from the Fair safely; while thoroughly enjoying all that the Fair has to offer. Deputies will be walking through the Fair and will be conducting High-Visibility Enforcement around the Klamath County Fairgrounds with an emphasis on impaired driving and pedestrian safety.

Beginning Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and extending through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon will use federally funded overtime to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws including a law passed in 2017 increasing safety for children under age two.

In 2017 an Oregon law was passed requiring children to ride in a rear-facing safety seat until they are at least two years old. A child over age two must continue to ride in a car seat with harness or in a booster until they reach age eight or 4' 9" in height and the adult belt fits them correctly.



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