

## **Police Issue Numerous Citations During June 28th Pedestrian Safety Detail**

LAKE OSWEGO – On Friday, June 28, 2013, between 8 am and 12 pm, the Lake Oswego Police Department conducted a pedestrian safety detail on B Avenue at First Street. During the detail, there was a pedestrian periodically walking through the crosswalk at the intersection to see if drivers would respond as they are required to.

During the 4-hour operation, there were 26 citations written for various violations as listed below. The majority of the violations were for crosswalk violations, and the rest were for violations that were discovered or witnessed during the course of the operation.

The violations were:

- Failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk – 13
- Using a mobile communication device – 8
- Fail to use seat belt – 1
- Fail to signal turn – 1
- Improper turn – 1
- Fail to yield to a pedestrian on a sidewalk -1
- Fail to yield to an emergency vehicle – 1

There was also a truck inspection conducted, during which the truck was placed out of service for bald tires.

This operation was made possible through grant funds the police department was awarded to fund enforcement operations that help improve safety for pedestrians. This is the sixth year that the department has been awarded this grant and it will be used for targeted enforcement at crosswalks throughout the city. The primary focus of this program is to raise the awareness of pedestrian safety issues and to reduce the number of auto / pedestrian crashes within the City of Lake Oswego.

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