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City of Lake Oswego to Conduct 3 Flags Traffic Safety Campaign

LAKE OSWEGO – From February 7 to February 20, the Lake Oswego Police Department will be joining other law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon in conducting traffic safety enforcement operations. The Three Flags Campaign is a statewide traffic enforcement program that seeks to reduce the number of motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries by increasing public awareness of laws regarding the three most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crash injuries: safety restraint use, speed, and impaired drivers. The main emphasis for Lake Oswego's campaign will be proper safety belt, child seat, and booster seat use.

During this campaign, law enforcement agencies will be focusing on proper fit of the safety belt system. Proper fit means lap belt placed low across hips and shoulder belt crossing center of chest over collarbone. The shoulder belt should not be placed under the arm or behind the back. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, consistent safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect motor vehicle occupants from injury and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Additionally, the campaign will focus on child safety seat and booster seat use. Oregon law requires the following for child passengers:

- A child under one year of age or weighing less than 20 lbs. must be restrained in a rear-facing child safety seat.
- A child weighing less than 40 lbs. must be restrained in a child safety seat.
- A child over 40 lbs. but under the age of 8 or less than 4'9" tall must be restrained in a booster seat that elevates them so the lap/shoulder belt fits correctly.

To learn how to install a child's seat correctly, stop by the City's free clinic at the Main Fire Station, 300 B Avenue, on February 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lake Oswego Community Service and Traffic Officers will check for correct installation, damage, recalls, and size and age appropriateness. No appointment is necessary.

The Three Flags Campaign is a federally funded enforcement program administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation through the Oregon State Sheriffs Association, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Police Patrol Division.

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