



PRESS RELEASE

Pedestrian Safety Enhancement in Cornelius

October 28, 2014--Washington County Sheriff's Traffic Team Deputies assisted deputies serving the City of Cornelius enforce pedestrian safety in the city.



Pedestrians struck by vehicles are one of the most hazardous crash types for potentially serious or fatal injuries. In 2010, 4,280 pedestrians were killed and an estimated 70,000 were injured in traffic crashes in the United States. On average, a pedestrian was killed every two hours and injured every eight minutes in traffic crashes. Crashes that occurred exclusively on private property, including parking lots and driveways, were excluded from the statistics.



Sheriff's Deputies respond to many traffic related incidents that could have been avoided if all drivers were safe and considerate. Deputies are reminding drivers to slow down, avoid distractions and pay extra attention for pedestrians and bicyclists as the daylight hours grow shorter. The rainy season also presents increased driving difficulties as driver vision is decreased.

Per ORS 811.028, [Failure to stop and remain stopped for pedestrian](#), the driver of a vehicle commits the offense of failure to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian if the driver does not stop

and remain stopped for a pedestrian. The pedestrian may be at a marked crosswalk or any intersection which are considered an unmarked crosswalk.

On October 27, 2014, advisory signs were placed at North Adair and North 13th Street in Cornelius warning drivers that there would be a pedestrian safety enforcement detail today (photo attached). There were four Traffic Safety Team motorcycles assigned to assist with the detail. From 11:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m., deputies issued 22 citations for Fail to Yield to a Pedestrian (photo attached). This violation carries a \$260 fine. During this one hour detail, deputies observed hundreds of additional violations but could only stop a small percentage.

Please remember to be safe and extra cautious of pedestrians.