

# MEDIA RELEASE

## RESULTS: Enhanced Safety Belt & Child Safety Seat Patrols

February 24, 2020

On February 16, 2020, the Washington County Sheriff's Office completed a joint effort to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws. During the two week period, the Sheriff's Office completed nearly 1,500 traffic stops, mostly for speeding. The good news to share is that safety belt violations generated a low percentage of the traffic stops, but speeding and mobile phone usage still remain an issue.

Here are the results:

- **Total Traffic Stops: 1,498 (between 2/3/20 – 2/16/20)**
  - o **Speed: 486 (32%)**
  - o **Operating motor vehicle while using mobile electronic device: 146 (9%)**
  - o **Fail to obey traffic control device: 144 (9%)**
  - o **Safety belts: 41 (<3%)**

(Original media release below)

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## Enhanced Safety Belt & Child Safety Seat Patrols Underway

February 5, 2020

On Monday, February 3, 2020, the Washington County Sheriff's Office joined law enforcement agencies across the state in an effort to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws, including a recently passed law increasing safety for children under the age of two.

Safety belts used correctly can reduce the risk of major crash injury or death by up to 65%.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** 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.

The enhanced patrols run through Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, visit this website: [oregonimpact.org/car-seat-resources.htm](http://oregonimpact.org/car-seat-resources.htm)



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