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# LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE



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**NATURE OF STORY:** Enforcement Results: Lane County Sheriff's Office  
Participation in Nation-wide Seat Belt Enforcement

**DETAILS:**

From February 5<sup>th</sup> to February 18th, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted overtime saturation patrols focused on seat belt use, child restraints, speeding, and distracted driving. These patrols were funded solely through grant monies provided through the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and Oregon Department of Transportation. This was in conjunction with the nation-wide effort sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

During this two week saturation period, 7 deputies contacted numerous drivers in a combined 24 hours of overtime. Deputies had the following enforcement contacts:

- 17 Safety Belt Citations
- 1 Child Restraint Citation
- 8 Driving While Suspended Citations
- 19 Speeding Citations
- 6 Distracted Driving Citations
- 14 Other Traffic Citations
- 33 Warnings

Grant funding will provide additional overtime for Seat Belt Enforcement Saturation Patrols throughout the year for holidays and select Lane County special events. We are thankful to be able to provide these extra enforcement efforts in our communities to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities. The Lane County Sheriff's Office wants to remind motorists to buckle up and drive safely.

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