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3 Flags Seat Belt Blitz

Prineville, Oregon

When: August 29- September 11

The Prineville Police Department in cooperation with the 3 Flags Campaign will be participating in a safety belt enforcement blitz. The Prineville Police Department will also be stepping up education efforts on child safety restraint laws and proper use of child restraints.

Oregon Law requires:

“Proper use” is required by Oregon law and means using the entire belt system, lap belt low across hips, and shoulder belt over collarbone and crossing center of chest. Belts should be free of slacks and lying flat with no twist or knots. Shoulder belts should NOT be placed under the arm or behind the back-this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in a crash.

A child weighting less than 40 pounds must be restrained in a child safety seat. A child under one year of age or weighing less than 20 pounds must be restrained in a child seat rear-facing. A child over forty pounds but under age eight or less than 4’9 tall must be restrained in a booster seat that elevates them so the lap/shoulder belts fit correctly.

While it is not the law in Oregon, it is strongly recommended that children age twelve and under ride in rear seating positions. Research indicated that such rear seating reduces the risk of injury by 37% for that age group.

Eric Bush

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