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Date/Time of Release: April 9, 2018 / 1500 hours
Contact Person: Kurt Sorenson, Captain
Contact Number: 541-459-2211
Incident Type: Speed Enforcement Traffic Grant
Date/Time of Incident: Now through September, 2018
Incident Location: Sutherlin / Oakland Patrol Areas
Case Number: NONE
Involved Agencies: Sutherlin Police Department

Summary:

The Sutherlin Police Department has been awarded a Speed Enforcement Traffic Grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation. This grant helps to pay for Overtime for officers to enforce speeding violations within our patrol areas.

Speed Overtime Grants are not on an open competitive process rather they are based on annual speed-related crash data. The Transportation Safety Division analyzes the crash data and determines effective countermeasures and contacts specific police agencies directly to offer specific enforcement projects based on identified problem areas.

Speeding shortens the amount of time you have to react to an emergency. You can give yourself more reaction time and help avoid a serious crash by slowing down.

Speeding also exponentially increases the forces on the body in a crash. That means that even a small increase in speed – say five to 10 miles per hour – can mean the difference between life and death for you or the loved ones in your vehicle.

An officer working this Overtime Grant is not taking calls from dispatch like a normal police officer on patrol. An officer working this Overtime Grant is actively looking for speeding vehicles to stop and address the violation. The Sutherlin Police Department would like to notify our community that officers will be actively looking for speeding vehicles and will be addressing that violation accordingly.

Further questions can be directed to Sutherlin Police Captain Kurt Sorenson at (541) 459-2211.