



SILVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

To: Valley Media Agencies

From: Tim Hein, Traffic Officer

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Subject: The Silverton Police Department was awarded a pedestrian safety enforcement grant through Oregon Impact and ODOT. The city has had several pedestrian related crashes or near misses recently. As an effort to reduce those occurrences, officers will be conducting crosswalk enforcement during the upcoming months. The first crosswalk enforcement is scheduled for May 29, 2019. The areas of enforcement will be in the area of First Street @ Park Street and First Street @ C Street.

The enforcement will use officers and citizen volunteers who will cross streets at crosswalk locations throughout the city watching for violations. Signs will be posted in advance to notify the community of our education and enforcement operations.

Oregon law requires all drivers to stop for pedestrians who are crossing the street in a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Drivers are required to stop if a pedestrian is either in the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling or in a lane adjacent to the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling. Marked crosswalks at or between intersections are recognized by solid or dashed white lines. Oregon law also states that every intersection should be considered to have a crosswalk, whether marked or not. Additionally, a vehicle may not legally pass another vehicle that is stopped at a marked or unmarked crosswalk for a pedestrian. Failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and passing a stopped vehicle at a crosswalk are class B violations, and carry a fine of \$265.