

Police To Conduct Two Pedestrian Safety Details

The Lake Oswego Police Department was again awarded an overtime grant to improve safety for pedestrians. This is the sixth year in a row the department has received this grant and will once again begin targeted enforcement at crosswalks throughout the City. The primary focus of this program is to raise the awareness of pedestrian safety issues and to reduce the number of auto / pedestrian accidents within the City of Lake Oswego.

The first of two enforcement events of this grant cycle will take place, weather permitting, on Monday, June 30, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the intersection of B Avenue and 2nd Street in Lake Oswego. This intersection has a marked crosswalk and is located in a mixed business and residential area.

The PSE event will work as follows: A cone will be placed in the center of the road, or along the edge of the road, at 131 feet from the crosswalk. This is the safe stopping distance for a vehicle traveling at 10 miles per hour over the posted 20 mph speed limit. The pedestrian, who is a police department employee, will step off of the sidewalk or curb and enter the crosswalk. Drivers must stop and remain stopped until the pedestrian is out of their lane of travel and the adjacent lane. ORS 811.028(4) states that a pedestrian has entered the roadway "when any part or extension of the pedestrian is crossing the roadway in a crosswalk, including but not limited to any part of the pedestrian's body, wheelchair, cane, crutch or bicycle [. . .] with the intent to proceed."

Failure to stop and remained stopped for a pedestrian (ORS 811.028) is a Class B traffic violation and will result in a citation with a base fine of \$260. Passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk (ORS 811.020) is also a Class B traffic violation with a base fine of \$260. Police officers in plain clothes will be monitoring and recording violations and notifying marked police chase cars when a violation has occurred.

For further information regarding this PSE detail, contact either Officer Denton Veach or Lieutenant Doug Treat at (503) 635-0240.

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