

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** February 8 – 21, 2010 - Safety Belt Blitz

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** February 23, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.

**NATURE OF STORY:** Safety Belt Blitz Saturation Patrol Results

**LOCATION:** Lane County

**DETAILS:** Deputies from the Lane County Sheriff's Office participated in the Three Flags Campaign Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) from February 8 through the 21, 2010. All Sheriff's Offices receiving grant funds for Safety Belt enforcement from the Oregon State Sheriffs Association participated in the campaign.

During the two week blitz Deputies worked 107 hours on grant overtime, and issued a total of 133 warnings, and 220 citations were issued for the following violations:

**Safety Belt Violations 70**  
**Child Safety Seat Violations 2**  
**Speeding Violations 33**  
**Unlawful Cell Phone Use 16**  
**Other Violations (Driving Uninsured, etc.) 85**  
**Driving While Suspended 10**  
**Traffic Collisions 4**

Deputies from the Lane County Sheriff's Office will participate in the second yearly Safety Belt Blitz from May 24 through June 6, 2010. The Lane County Sheriff's Office encourages motorists to buckle up on every trip, every time.

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