# September 2026 Transportation Safety Newsletter

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## Back-to-school requires everyone to look out for kids




School is back in session for most Oregon students in September from kindergarteners to high school seniors. It's a good time to remind everyone to watch out for kids.

Drivers should stop and stay stopped for people in crosswalks. Be alert for school buses: flashing yellow lights mean you should prepare to stop, and flashing red lights mean you must stop.

Follow the instructions from school crossing guards, who help kids cross the street safely.
Always remember to avoid distractions and pay attention to the speed limit on residential streets and school zones.

Read the latest ODOT news release, "New school year, same need to drive safe".

Visit the Oregon Safe Routes to School webpage for information about fun opportunities for students to walk, bike, and roll to and from school.

Check out the fun publications available about Safe Routes to School and other safety topics on the Transportation Safety Office Educational Publications by Topic webpage.

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## Child Passenger Safety Week




Child Passenger Safety Week will be observed Sept 20-26, concluding with National Seat Check Saturday on Sept 26.

Law enforcement and safety agencies across Oregon actively promote correct car seat usage and child restraint laws.

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children, so it is critical to make sure children are correctly fastened into a car seat or booster that fits the child's size and weight and has been correctly installed.

The NHTSA Safe Kids on the Road webpage provides information on how to choose the correct car seat for your child and a virtual car seat check.

For information about child passenger safety and a calendar of car seat clinic events, visit the TSO Safety Belts and Car Seats webpage and view the new Five-Point Booster Test PSA.

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## Crash that killed stranded driver, injured ODOT employee highlights need to slow down, move over



A crash that killed a stranded driver and seriously injured an ODOT employee who had stopped to help him is a tragic reminder of the dangers faced by anyone stopped or working along Oregon's roads.

Roadside workers often have no choice but to work just feet, or even inches, from moving traffic. When drivers see flashing lights, a vehicle stopped on the shoulder or someone working along the road, they need to slow down, pay attention and give them space. Oregon's Move Over Law requires drivers approaching a stopped vehicle with flashing or hazard lights to move over when it is safe to do so or slow down.

Read the full news release.

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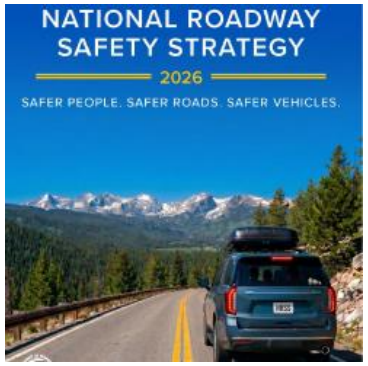
## Meet the new TSO Police Traffic Enforcement Program Manager



Before joining ODOT, Morgan served 23+ years in law enforcement/public safety in Eastern Oregon. Throughout the years, Morgan worked in patrol and as a major crimes detective. He enjoys family, hunting, fishing, whitewater rafting, camping, and coaching sports. He is married to wife Kennady, and the couple has four children. Morgan is very excited to begin his journey with ODOT, working with law enforcement and judicial partners to continue improving traffic safety around the state.

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## National Roadway Safety Strategy




The United States Department of Transportation National Roadway Safety Strategy is a roadmap forward to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. The strategy outlines three core objectives—Safer People, Safer Roads, and Safer Vehicles—and emphasizes U.S. DOT's commitment to drive fatalities toward zero. Safety is DOT's top priority.

Read the 2026 National Roadway Strategy.

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## Transportation safety advisory committees to meet in September



Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, Sept 9, 9:30 a.m.

Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII, Sept 11, 9 a.m.

### Meetings are open to everyone

Accommodation will be provided for people with disabilities, and materials can be provided in alternate formats. To request an accommodation, please visit the public meetings website and sort by meeting name to find the contact information for your particular meeting. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can call statewide relay at 711.

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## Tell us what you think!

Your voice matters! Take a moment to participate in our quick survey and share your insights. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping safety improvements in your community and across Oregon.

Together, we can make Oregon's roads safer for everyone.

[Take the Traffic Safety Survey now](#).




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## Resources

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