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Patrol Services Division

Patrol Services Organization – OSP Patrol Services provides transportation safety services on the major highways throughout Oregon. As of January, 2009, the division is made up of 319 Troopers, 55 Sergeants, 20 Lieutenants, and 4 Captains, working in three regions and general headquarters.

Oregon licenses more than 2.7 million drivers who travel 20.6 billion miles per year. There are 4 million registered vehicles in Oregon. OSP Troopers patrol 7,415 miles of highways.

A highway crash fatality has attendant costs of about \$1.7 million per incident. An injury crash has costs totaling about \$67,000. A crash that results in only property damage generally costs about \$17,000.



Key Performance Measures for Patrol Services

- Transportation safety: Enhance transportation safety by reducing fatal, injury, and property damage crashes on state and interstate highways where OSP has primary responsibility.
- Coverage: Reduce the percentage of calls for service where a trooper is unavailable to respond.
- Criminal apprehension/detection: Increase the percentage of traffic stops resulting in an arrest or criminal citation.

Problem Oriented Policing (POP)

POP is a method for providing public safety services with a focus on problem solving and partnering. OSP has enlisted the assistance of key stakeholders to help identify areas with high rates of transportation safety problems. Each problem area is assigned to a Patrol office for further analysis and review. Then tactical plans are formulated, implemented and assessed for specific outcomes.

POP challenges each member of the Patrol Division to become a problem solver and innovative thinker in order to address the public safety issues that effect us all. By applying POP techniques, OSP leverages resources through joint agency work efforts and creates new strategic partnerships within the public safety community. This allows OSP to continue to be an effective instrument for saving lives and preserving property.

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Primary Enforcement Programs

To accomplish its primary purpose, the Patrol Services Division works to reduce the total number of vehicle crashes and crashes that cause death and serious injuries, and reduce criminal activity on our state and interstate highways. These Primary Enforcement Programs include:

Crash Reduction

- High Visibility Hazardous Violation Enforcement and Education
- Impaired Driving Enforcement and Education
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Safety Inspections and Education
- Occupant Protection Enforcement and Education
- Highway Work Zone Safety and Enforcement
- Emergency Response to Calls for Services
- Assistance to Motorists

Crime reduction

Criminal Apprehension Through Patrol Enforcement