Click it or Ticket results spotlight unsafe driving

The tenth annual Click It or Ticket campaign once again found plenty of drivers and their passengers without seatbelts fastened or engaging in other dangerous activities on Snohomish County roads.

“It’s everyone’s responsibility to ensure our roads are safe from dangerous or impaired driving,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Taking simple measures like wearing a seatbelt, assigning a designated driver or avoiding distractions such as texting while driving can prevent unnecessary tragedy from striking families in our community.”

This year’s Click It or Ticket campaign included thirty-one local law enforcement agencies from King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. All told, 172 police officers and sheriff’s deputies stopped over 2,100 motorists in the three counties.

“Although Washington State’s mandatory seatbelt law has been in effect since 2002, some drivers are still choosing not to buckle-up themselves as well as their children,” said Tracy McMillan, Manager of the Snohomish County DUI & Target Zero Task Force.

In Snohomish County, Five agencies received grant funding for the Washington Traffic Safety Commission’s Click It or Ticket traffic safety campaign through the Snohomish County DUI and Target Zero Task Force. The cities of Everett, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mukilteo, and the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office participated.

Officers and deputies in Snohomish County worked a total of 135.5 overtime hours between May 21 and June 3. During these highly visible and multi-jurisdictional patrols they contacted 476 drivers to remind them about our traffic safety laws. There were 138 vehicle occupants who were given infractions for not wearing a seatbelt as well as seven drivers who were cited for not having their children in proper car or infant seats.

“Although speed and alcohol-related crashes are killing the most people on our roadways, distracted driving is also a huge problem,” said McMillan. During the campaign there were 83 drivers cited for using or texting on their cell phones. In
addition, 20 drivers were cited for suspended or revoked licenses, and 51 drivers were cited for lacking proof of insurance.

New course for teachers brings aviation to the classroom

Paine Field Airport is sponsoring, “Airplanes! Bringing the Exciting World of Aviation to the Classroom,” a graduate level professional development course for teachers. The course will be held August 6 - 9, 2012.

The four day course will not only explore the science behind flight, it also will show teachers the exciting career opportunities that await their students in the world of aviation.

During the course, teachers will:

- Receive a formal flight lesson;
- Ride in various small aircraft;
- Visit many of the aviation related industries on Paine Field; and,
- Hear from aviation professionals about career opportunities in airframe or power plant maintenance, FAA Air Traffic Control, airport administration and wildlife management.

Field trips for the teachers will take them to fascinating places such as the Everett Boeing Assembly Plant, Aviation Technical Services, the Paine Field Air Traffic Control Tower, the Future of Flight Aviation Center, the Flying Heritage Collection and the Historic Flight Foundation. It is a very busy four day schedule.

Teachers will leave the experience with a newfound understanding and enthusiasm for all things aviation, a collection of lessons for the classroom, and a sense of excitement they will take back to their students. All of this for $365, three university credits included!

The class was developed by Snohomish teacher Gary Evans. For more information, call the Airport Office at 425-388-5125 or go to the Paine Field website at www.painefield.com.

County hosts free seminar on memory loss, health

Snohomish County’s Long Term Care & Aging Division will co-host a free class on memory loss and maintaining brain health.

Scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon on June 27, “Should I Be Worried About My Memory?” will help participants find out what is normal and what are the warning signs for memory loss. For those with serious concerns, diagnosis and next steps also will be discussed.

The program will be held in the Central Conference Room in Building 2 of the Compass
Health Administrative Offices in Everett. Presenter Michael Bower is the lead trainer for the Alzheimer’s Association – Western and Central Washington State Chapter. Sponsoring with Snohomish County are the Everett Clinic Medical Center and the Snohomish County Council on Aging.

To register for this free seminar, call 425-388-7377 or email j.frasu@snoco.org.

**Stillaguamish advisory board seeks volunteers**

The Stillaguamish River Clean Water District (CWD) Advisory Board is seeking volunteers from three different areas of the District to join them in fulfilling their mission of watershed stewardship.

The CWD Advisory Board is authorized by county code to make recommendations to the County and its partner organizations working on water quality, water quantity and aquatic habitat issues in the Stillaguamish River watershed.

Landowners within the Stillaguamish River CWD pay annual fees that allow the County to provide water quality and water quantity management services within the watershed. The Board guides the use of these revenues by reviewing funding levels and annual work plans of the Surface Water Management Division of the Snohomish County Public Works Department and the Snohomish Conservation District.

The CWD Advisory Board’s 17 positions represent diverse interests within the District, including fee-payers, tribes, state agencies, agriculture, industry and special purpose districts. Currently, the Board is seeking one member from each of the following areas of the CWD:

- **Position 1:** North Fork Stillaguamish River – single family ratepayers; partial term ending 12/31/13
- **Position 2:** South Fork Stillaguamish River – single family ratepayers; partial term ending 12/31/15
- **Position 5:** Unincorporated portions of Stanwood, Arlington and Granite Falls urban growth areas (UGAs) – single family ratepayers; full four-year term

New members will begin their terms upon appointment by the Snohomish County Council. The CWD Advisory Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., except in August and December when the Board does not meet. Meetings are held at Peace Lutheran Church, 1717 Larson Road, in Silvana.

Interested persons are encouraged to send their completed application and resume, if available, to Sean Edwards, Senior Planner, Snohomish County Public Works Surface Water Management, 3000 Rockefeller M/S 607, Everett, WA, 98021 or by email to sean.edwards@snoco.org. Applicants should specify which position they are applying for, and why they should be selected.
Applications (nomination forms) may be filled out and printed directly from the “Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board Current Openings” webpage, which is accessible from the CWD website, http://cwd.surfacewater.info, see green sidebar. Applications are due by July 2, 2012. To learn more about the CWD Advisory Board, please contact Sean Edwards at Snohomish County, (425) 388-3024.

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