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Heyburn Police traffic emphasis yields results

Patrols continue through National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

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Over 130 Motorists in March met a Heyburn Police officer as part of two statewide emphasis patrols, in which Heyburn officers participated in. As officers work to educate our community about the dangers of aggressive and distracted driving, less than 15% were issued citations by officers assigned to the emphasis patrols.

Heyburn has experienced 5 fatal crashes from 2018-2022 within our city's limits with a total of 566 crashes in Minidoka County during this same time frame. For the city's population, Heyburn ranks 3rd statewide in total number of fatal and serious injury crashes. Heyburn ranks 1st in our population category for aggressive and distracted driving crashes in Idaho.

Heyburn will continue with the next emphasis commencing April 3 through April 10, recognizing April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Officers will be vigilant for those who are texting while driving among other traffic violations.

Police Chief, Ryan Bertalotto.

“The Heyburn Police Department strives to reduce the amount of injury and fatal crashes in Heyburn, and most importantly keep our motoring community safe.”

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