



# **WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Deputies Provide Enhanced Labor Day DUII and Traffic Safety Patrols**

August 18, 2016--Washington County Sheriff's Deputies will provide extra patrols on Washington County roadways to enhance safety for the Labor Day holiday.

The Labor Day holiday period is known as one of the most dangerous holidays for crashes due to heavily traveled roadways, in combination with impaired and aggressive drivers.

In addition to extra patrols focused on impaired driving over the holiday period, Sheriff's Deputies will also focus on aggressive drivers. Sheriff's Deputies will be looking for drivers who are speeding, following too closely, and distracted while using mobile communication devices, along with seatbelt compliance checks.

Sheriff's Deputies will be providing extra DUII patrols and a Three Flags Seatbelt Blitz from August 22, 2016 through September 5, 2016. These enhanced traffic safety missions are sponsored with grants provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The final results will be provided at the conclusion of these traffic safety missions on September 7, 2016.

Washington County Sheriff's Deputies regularly respond to traffic related incidents that could have been avoided if all drivers were sober, safe and considerate. Deputies are reminding drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, allow adequate following distances, wear their seatbelt, and secure children with properly fitted child restraints. The following ODOT three minute video provides safety recommendations for proper child and adult seatbelt use. <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/PublishingImages/safetybelts/swf/index.html>

The Washington County Sheriff's Office would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday. The Sheriff's Office arrests about 1000 impaired drivers every year and has zero tolerance for impaired driving.