



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Sheriff's Office Promotes a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving**

November 26, 2013--Washington County Sheriff's Deputies are on the roads providing extra patrols to enhance safety over the extended holiday travel period.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the most dangerous holidays for crashes due to heavily traveled roadways and aggressive drivers. The four day weekend invites travelers to drive from great distances which can cause fatigue. The Sheriff's Office asks drivers to plan ahead with breaks and shared driving to avoid getting tired.

In addition to extra patrols focused on impaired driving over the holiday weekend, deputies will also focus on aggressive drivers. Sheriff's Deputies will be looking for drivers that are speeding, following too closely, and distracted using mobile communication devices. Deputies have increased patrols that began November 23, and extend through December 1, 2013.

Every Thanksgiving weekend, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies respond to many traffic related incidents that could have been avoided. Deputies are reminding drivers to not drive impaired, slow down, avoid distractions, allow adequate following distances, wear their seatbelt, and secure children in properly fitted child restraints.

Please remember to be safe and considerate while enjoying the holiday weekend.