

MEDIA RELEASE

RESULTS: Deputies Arrest More Than 60 Drunk Drivers During Holidays

January 13, 2020

The Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested a total of 63 people during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period of December 13, 2019 to January 2, 2020. The enhanced patrols are done in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA).

Our commitment to DUII enforcement continues through the month of January as well as winter weather conditions increase the safety risk of driving under the influence.

If you're planning to drink or get high while enjoying tonight's college football playoff national championship, please be responsible and find a safe ride home.

(Original Media Release Below)

Deputies Conducting Enhanced Impaired Driving Patrols Over the Holidays

November 26, 2019

The Washington County Sheriff's Office will be conducting high visibility enforcement patrols looking for impaired drivers this holiday season, beginning with the Thanksgiving holiday week, continuing through December and New Year's Day 2020. The enhanced patrols are being done in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA).

According to NHTSA, 10,874 people were killed in 2017 in motor vehicle traffic crashes in which a driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the legal limit of .08. During the month of December 2017, 885 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver. Like drunk driving, drug-impaired driving is impaired driving, which means it is dangerous and illegal in all 50 states.

On average, driving under the influence arrest costs \$10,000 in attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and repairs, and more.

There are many other ways to ensure a safe ride home besides relying on a friend. The options include using public transportation, calling a taxi, or using a rideshare app such as Uber or Lyft. In addition, NHTSA's SaferRide Mobile App, available in the app store, is another resource to help those who have been drinking find a sober ride home—by identifying their location and helping to call a taxi or a friend to pick them up.

This holiday season, deputies are asking the public to do their part in keeping our roadways safe by always planning a sober ride home before the festivities begin.



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