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Washington County Receives Top DUII Awards

April 28, 2013—Washington County Sheriff’s Office receives top Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) enforcement awards.

On April 26, 2013, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office was selected by the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force as the County Agency-of-the-Year for 2012 for DUII enforcement.

This award is presented to a Sheriff’s Office which has initiated or accomplished an effective DUII project or program in their area of responsibility through enforcement, prevention, and community involvement. The agency must also proactively train officers in DUII enforcement and drug-impaired driving laws, taking a proactive approach to deter impaired drivers.

Yesterday, Washington County Sheriff’s Deputy, Jason McLaughlin, was honored as the 2012 DUII Enforcement Deputy-of-the-Year. Deputy McLaughlin made 222 DUII arrests during 2012.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office lists DUII enforcement as one of their top priorities. The Sheriff’s Office continues to arrest over 1100 DUII impaired drivers every year. The enforcement efforts are paying off. Washington County’s fatal crashes involving alcohol have steadily dropped in recent years. There is still much work to be done, especially with the increasing number of impaired people driving under the influence of drugs and prescription medication.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office Traffic Safety Unit has DUII enforcement deputies dedicated to prevent alcohol and drug impaired people from driving and creating hazardous situations. The Sheriff’s Office will continue to stay focused to stop impaired driving to help keep our roads safe.

If you have any information concerning an alcohol or impaired driver, please call the Washington County Sheriff’s Office at (503) 629-0111 or 911 if it is an emergency.