



# **WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Conserving the Peace Through Values Driven Service  
Sheriff Pat Garrett**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **December Declared National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**

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On November 30, 2016, President Obama declared December as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month.

In the year 2015, more than 10,200 people were killed in the United States in crashes involving impaired driving and another 290,000 people were injured. In Oregon, nearly 40% of all fatal crashes involved impaired drivers. Each year in Washington County, deputies arrest more than 1,000 impaired drivers.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, will be adding extra patrols between now and January 1<sup>st</sup> to arrest drivers who are impaired by alcohol, drugs or a combination of both drugs and alcohol.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office encourages you to do your part in keeping our roads safe this holiday season. Please slow down, buckle-up and drive sober.

If you see a person driving who you believe may be impaired, please contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503)629-0111.