



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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

September 3, 2015--Washington County Sheriff's Deputies will provide extra patrols on Washington County roadways to enhance safety for the Labor Day Holiday period.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Holiday. The Labor Day holiday period is one of the most dangerous holidays for crashes due to heavily traveled roadways in combination with impaired and aggressive drivers. For many drivers, this is the last long summer weekend for a vacation.

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

Deputies have been providing extra DUII patrol and a Three Flags Seatbelt Blitz from August 24, 2015 that will continue through September 7, 2015. The final results will be provided at the conclusion of these traffic safety missions on September 8, 2015. Preliminary information since the beginning of this enhanced traffic safety detail shows deputies have stopped over 100 drivers a day averaging 20 to 25 citations each day for speeding, seatbelt and cell phone violations.

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 in properly fitted child restraints. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommendation for child passenger's link is attached. <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS>

The Sheriff's Office arrests about 1000 impaired drivers every year and has zero tolerance for impaired driving that puts the public in danger.