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Joint Labor Day Weekend DUII Mission Starts Friday

September 3, 2020

On Friday, September 4, 2020, law enforcement officers from several local agencies will join forces for a targeted DUII enforcement mission along major roadways in Washington County, including Highway 26 and Highway 217. National statistics show an increase in the number of traffic fatalities, including a higher death rate during holiday weekends like Labor Day. This three-day mission is designed to educate and deter people from getting behind the wheel while impaired and to take enforcement against impaired drivers.

Dozens of officers will saturate the area to focus on drivers impaired by alcohol, drugs, or any controlled substances. Officers trained as drug recognition experts will be on scene to evaluate drivers when are under the influence of controlled

who are under the influence of controlled substances, such as marijuana.

The following agencies are scheduled to participate:

- Beaverton Police Department
- Hillsboro Police Department
- Tigard Police Department
- Sherwood Police Department
- King City Police Department
- Oregon State Police
- Washington County Sheriff's Office



The agencies will be supported by dispatchers from the <u>Washington County Consolidated</u> <u>Communications Agency</u> (WCCCA) and <u>Mothers Against Drunk Drivers</u> (MADD).

If you decide to celebrate the holiday weekend with alcohol or drugs, please be safe and avoid getting behind the wheel. Make plans beforehand to get a ride from a sober friend, use public transportation, call a taxi, or use a ridesharing service.



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