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## **RESULTS: Joint Labor Day Weekend DUII Mission**

September 3, 2019

During our joint Labor Day DUII mission (August 30-31), 21 people were arrested through the combined efforts of seven metro-area agencies (listed below).

DUII enforcement is not just a focus on holiday weekends. During the period between August 16<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the sheriff's office made a total of 50 DUII arrests (12 of those were during the Labor Day weekend mission).

Enhanced DUII enforcement will continue in Washington County through the month of September.

Please remember to use a designated driver, taxi cab, or a ride-sharing service to avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(Original release below)

## Joint Labor Day Weekend DUII Mission Starts Tonight

August 30, 2019

On August 30-31, 2019, law enforcement officers from several metro agencies will join forces for a targeted DUII enforcement mission along 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 two-night 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 who are under the influence of controlled substances, such as marijuana.

Highway reader boards will also be used to inform drivers of the mission and the increased police presence.



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Officers from the following agencies are scheduled to participate:

- Beaverton Police Department
- Hillsboro Police Department
- Portland Police Bureau
- 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), employees of the <u>Oregon Department of Transportation</u> (ODOT), and Washington County Land Use & Transportation.

