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Sheriff's Office Promotes a Safe and Enjoyable 4th of July

July, 1, 2013—Washington County Sheriff's Office would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office asks everyone to be safe and considerate when celebrating the 4th of July. In addition to extra patrols focused on intoxicated driving over the holiday, deputies will be prepared to enforce laws related to illegal fireworks. Using or possessing illegal fireworks is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Every year Washington County Sheriff's Deputies respond to complaints of 4th of July gatherings that get out of hand due to intoxication and illegal fireworks. These complaints include physical injury, property damage or neighborhood disturbances. Pets and small children are also affected by loud noises from illegal fireworks that are used late into the evening. Citizens should also consider that damage or injury caused by a careless act involving illegal fireworks can bring significant civil liability.

Fire Marshals with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) will ride with Sheriff's Deputies during the holiday. TVF&R is another agency kept very busy with fire and medical calls on the 4th of July.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal's information flyer on legal and illegal fireworks is attached.

Please remember to be safe and considerate while enjoying the holiday.