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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Washington County Sheriff's Office Receives Top DUII Award**

April 28, 2016—Washington County Sheriff's Office receives top Driving under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) award.

Today, the Washington County Sheriff's Office was selected by the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force as the County Agency-of-the-Year for 2015 for DUII enforcement.

This award is presented to a Sheriff's Office which has initiated or accomplished an effective DUII project or program in their area of responsibility through enforcement, prevention, and community involvement. The agency must also proactively train officers in DUII enforcement and drug-impaired driving laws, taking a proactive approach to deter impaired drivers.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office has DUII enforcement as one of our top priorities. The Sheriff's Office continues to arrest over 1000 impaired drivers every year. Washington County fatal crashes involving alcohol have dropped in recent years. There is still much work to be done, especially with the increasing number of impaired people driving under the influence of drugs and prescription medication.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit has DUII enforcement deputies dedicated to prevent alcohol and drug impaired people from driving and creating hazardous situations. The Sheriff's Office will continue to stay focused to stop impaired driving to help keep our roads safer.

Sheriff's Public Information Officer: Sergeant Bob Ray

If you have any information concerning an impaired driver, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 629-0111 or 911 if it is an emergency.

Phone: 503-209-5613

