



**Conserving the Peace Through Values Driven Service**  
**Sheriff Pat Garrett**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **UPDATE: Results from the Holiday DUII Traffic Detail**

December 1, 2014—Deputies made over 300 traffic stops for a variety of reasons and arrested 32 impaired drivers over the holiday reporting period. There were several impaired driving crashes reported, fortunately none of them involved serious injuries.

### **Sheriff's Promote Safe Driving for Thanksgiving Travelers**

November 25, 2014--Washington County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a multi-county DUII enhanced patrol to enhance safety over the extended holiday travel period.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is joined by the Marion, Multnomah and Yamhill County Sheriff's Offices to provide an enhanced traffic safety experience for travelers this extended holiday weekend. Deputies will increase DUII patrols that will begin November 26, 2014 and extend through November 30, 2014.

The Sheriff's Offices would like everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is one of the most dangerous holidays for crashes due to heavily traveled roadways and aggressive drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, in 2012, more than 300 people were killed in crashes on Thanksgiving weekend alone. The four day weekend invites travelers to drive from great distances often causing fatigue. The Sheriff's Office asks drivers to plan ahead with breaks and shared driving to avoid the possibility of falling asleep at the wheel.

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

Every Thanksgiving Holiday traveling period, Sheriff's Deputies respond to many traffic related incidents that could have been avoided. Deputies are reminding drivers to not drive impaired, slow down, avoid distractions, allow adequate following distances, ensure all travelers are properly wearing their seatbelts, and secure children in properly fitted child restraints.

Please remember to be safe and considerate while enjoying the holiday weekend. The results from this multi-county DUII traffic safety detail will be provided in a press release on December 1, 2014