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Tigard Police Planning Extra DUII Enforcement

This year throughout the entire Thanksgiving holiday period beginning on November 21 and continuing until December 1, Tigard Police plan to continue high visibility enforcement (HVE) as part of a nationwide effort to reduce impaired drivers. Here in Tigard, grant funded overtime for officers will allow extra patrol to locate and focus efforts on drivers who are operating a vehicle under the influence. The program is in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and locally, Oregon Impact. This partnership is an important component in efforts to make our roadways safer.

Remember: *drive sober or get pulled over.*

- Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem; alcohol misuse and abuse
- Last year more than 10,000 people nationwide died as a result of alcohol-impaired crashes; one every 51 minutes
- Alcohol impaired motor vehicle crashes cost more than an estimated \$37 billion annually
- Crashes involving alcohol account for nearly half of the fatal and serious injury crashes occurring in Oregon each year.

Please plan ahead if you are driving and plan to consume alcohol. If you become impaired; don't drive – call for a sober driver, taxi or use mass transit to get home safely. If you notice an impaired driver on the road; call 9-1-1 immediately to report it.

Together we can all make our roads safer. You can learn more about the HVE campaigns at www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober Have a safe holiday. And be sure to stay connected with Tigard Police throughout the holidays and always. Follow us on Twitter @tigardpolice or on Facebook.



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