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High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Planned in Tigard Throughout the Labor Day Holiday Weekend

Over the long Labor Day holiday weekend, Tigard Police have plans for a 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 drivers who are operating a vehicle under the influence. Dedicated Tigard officers will be out September 4th through the 8th in efforts to carry out this effort. The program is in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Drive sober or get pulled over. If the statistics surrounding impaired drivers isn't enough-the related penalties if caught will certainly be.

- Last year, more than 10,000 people 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

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 public transportation to get home safely. If you notice an impaired driver, call 9-1-1 immediately to report it.

Together we can all make our roads safer. You can learn more about HVE campaigns at www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober. Let's all do our part to keep this holiday safe and enjoyable for all the right reasons.