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Tigard Police Plan Extra DUII Enforcement

Beginning on December 11th and continuing through January 1st, Tigard Police will have additional officers on the roadways to help ensure everyone's safety. In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Tigard Police will be participating in a grant-funded program to promote high visibility enforcement (HVE). According to NHTSA, "High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) is a universal traffic safety approach designed to create deterrence and change unlawful traffic behaviors. HVE combines highly visible and proactive law enforcement targeting a specific traffic safety issue."

Officers will be patrolling the roadways in Tigard with the primary focus on arresting impaired drivers. Tigard Police will be especially visible around the community throughout the approaching holiday season and on and around planned major televised sporting events this winter (i.e. college bowl games and Super Bowl).

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

- Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse
- Alcohol-impaired motor vehicle crashes cost more than an estimated \$37 billion annually
- Last year, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired crashes - one every 51 minutes

Please plan ahead if you are driving and consuming 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 High Visibility Enforcement Campaigns at: www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober