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Tigard Police Watching For Drivers Using Marijuana

Expect to see extra Tigard Police officers patrolling around Tigard beginning June 2. A special four-day Cannabis Enforcement will work to help reduce drug-impaired drivers on the road. The program is part of the more common High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) campaign which is a nationwide effort to get drivers under the influence of alcohol off the roads. Here in Tigard, grant funded overtime for officers will allow extra patrol to locate drivers who are operating a vehicle under the influence of marijuana. 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.

- Marijuana is the most frequently detected drug (other than alcohol) in crash-involved drivers
- Crash involvement for drivers using marijuana is 1.83 times that of drug-free drivers

Please plan ahead if you are using marijuana. If you consume marijuana-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 drive responsibly.