



# Tigard Police Department Media Release

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## Tigard Police Plan Extra DUII Patrols

Beginning on December 14 and continuing through December 31, Tigard Police will have additional officers on the roads to help bolster everyone's safety when driving. 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, "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 such as college bowl games and the Super Bowl.

The following statistics speak to the enormity of the problem.

- 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 51minutes

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

Together we can make our roads safer. You can learn more about High Visibility Enforcement Campaigns at: [www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober](http://www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober)