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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**DATE/ TIME OF RELEASE:** December 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**NATURE OF STORY:** Lane County Sheriff's Office to Participate in Nation-Wide  
DUII Saturation Patrols

**DETAILS:**

During the holiday season, local traffic and those traveling to celebrate with friends and families increase dramatically. During this time of year, the number of drunk driving and impaired driving incidents also increase significantly. According to MADD's website, every 2 minutes a person is injured in a drunk driving crash. Every day, another 27 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes. In 2015, MADD reported 10,265 people died in drunk driving crashes.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office received special allocated funding from ODOT/ Oregon State Sheriff's Association to provide for overtime patrols with a focus on Traffic and Life Safety emphasizing DUII and aggressive driving enforcement. Through the grant funding, LCSO deputies will be conducting overtime patrols in the Lane County area beginning this weekend through January 1st. This saturation is in conjunction with a nation-wide effort to reduce drunk and impaired driving.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office wants to remind motorists to drive safely during the typically hazardous conditions this time of year, drive sober, and utilize designated drivers, taxis or other public transportation if you choose to drink. With the passage of Oregon's marijuana laws, this is also a reminder of the impairment marijuana creates of drivers, impacting their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) applies to drivers under the influence of marijuana, as it does with alcohol.

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