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



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

**DETAILS:**

During the Christmas/ New Year's holiday, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies have conducted overtime saturation patrols focused on reducing impaired driving and related vehicle crashes and injuries. These patrols are funded through grant monies provided through the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and Oregon Department of Transportation.

During the first part of this saturation patrol event, deputies have made 9 DUII arrests, six of which were involved in motor vehicle crashes.

Winter weather is expected to further contribute to motor vehicle crashes. These hazardous driving conditions are exacerbated by impaired drivers. LCSO deputies will continue saturation patrols through the New Year's Day holiday, and want to remind drivers to drive safely, drive sober and use a designated driver if you may be impaired. 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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