
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: Lane County Sheriff's Office to Participate in DUII Saturation and Nation-wide Seat Belt Enforcement Blitz

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office received special allocated funding from ODOT/ Oregon State Sheriff's Association to provide overtime patrols with a focus on Traffic and Life Safety emphasizing DUII and aggressive driving enforcement, as well as seat belt use enforcement. Through the grant funding, LCSO deputies will be conducting overtime patrols in the Lane County area beginning August 18 through Labor Day, September 3. This saturation is in conjunction with a nation-wide effort to reduce drunk and impaired driving and reduce the number of injuries and deaths from vehicle crashes.

The emphasis of the nation-wide seatbelt enforcement will be focused on child seats, texting and speed. As of May, 2017, Oregon law requires children less than 2 years of age to be in a rear facing child seat.

Oregon Department of Transportation Crash Analysis & Reporting Unit reported that Lane County again led Oregon in 2015 with 34 fatalities. Lane County is 4th in the Oregon regarding reported injuries from traffic crashes.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office wants to remind motorists to buckle up, drive safely and drive sober. 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.

If you inhale, you may go to jail.

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