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



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**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday May 21st, 2017

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** May 24th, 2017 / 5:00 pm

**NATURE OF STORY:** UPDATE: LCSO Saturation Patrols- Rhododendron Days

**LOCATION:** Florence, OR

**DETAILS:**

Lane County Sheriff's Deputies conducted saturation patrols in the Florence area during the annual Rhododendron Festival over the weekend. Funding for these patrols was provided through the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and Oregon Dept. of Transportation through two separate grants. Without grant funding from these organizations, LCSO would not have been able to staff Deputies in the Florence area for the event.

**Statistics for LCSO Deputies operating in the Florence area:**

- 1 Felony Possession of Stolen Vehicle arrests;**
- 1 DUII arrest;**
- 7 Driving While Suspended citation;**
- 1 Arrest for Possession of Methamphetamine**
- 1 Minor in Possession of Alcohol citations;**
- 17 Speeding citations**
- 24 Seat Belt citations**
- 34 Other miscellaneous moving violation citations;**
- 1 Warrant Arrest**

**Prepared by: Deputy Tim Ware**

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**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: Friday May 19th- Sunday May 21nd, 2017**

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: May 17th, 2017 / 10:00 am**

**NATURE OF STORY: LCSO Saturation Patrols**

**LOCATION: Rhododendron Days, Florence, OR**

**DETAILS:**

**The Lane County Sheriff's office received \$24,000 in combined grant funding for three types of traffic enforcement focus. This funding makes possible the Sheriff's Office participation in state and national campaigns to reduce traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities on Lane County roads.**

**Grants are administered through Oregon Dept. of Transportation and Oregon State Sheriff's Association, allowing Sheriff's Deputies to conduct saturation patrols on overtime. These patrols have a special emphasis on seat belt violations during daytime and nighttime, speed related incidents and DUII detection and enforcement.**

**According to ODOT, Hwy 126W remains one of the deadliest highways in the State of Oregon. Through grant funding, the Lane County Sheriff's Office will be conducting saturation patrols in the Florence area and Hwy 126W area this weekend during the Rhododendron Days Festival.**

**Deputies will be focusing on speeding vehicles, seat belt compliance and DUII detection and apprehension.**

**The Rhododendron Festival saturation coincides with the national "Click it or Ticket" campaign.**

**The Lane County Sheriff's Office is anticipating heavy traffic and congestion on Hwy 101 and Hwy 126W as a result of the festival. Motorists are advised to expect delays in the area and encouraged to drive safely, drive sober and always wear your seatbelt.**

**Prepared by: Deputy Tim Ware**