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



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**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 5/18/2018 – 5/20/2018  
**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 5/11/2018 8:00 am  
**NATURE OF STORY:** Sheriff's Office Grant Funded Traffic Enforcement  
**LOCATION:** Lane County, Oregon

**DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office will be conducting saturation patrols in the Florence area and Hwy 126 West area from Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> during the Rhododendron Festival. Deputies will be focusing on speed limit enforcement, seat belt compliance, and DUII detection and apprehension.

These patrols are funded through grants administered through the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, allowing deputies to conduct saturation patrols on overtime to increase community safety.

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

**Additional Grant Funded Upcoming Saturation Patrols**

The Rhododendron Festival saturation also coincides with the National "Click it or Ticket" campaign that begins May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Lane County Sheriff's Office will be conducting grant funded saturation patrols during that time throughout Lane County focusing on seat belt compliance.

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