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Media Release

Results: Deputies Arrest 43 Impaired Drivers During Enhanced Holiday Patrols

January 3, 2018 – During enhanced holiday patrols, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 43 impaired drivers. Deputies would like to remind the public that impaired driving is a one hundred percent preventable crime and to always plan a sober ride.

The original media release is below.

Deputies Conducting Enhanced Impaired Driving Patrols Over the Holidays

December 16, 2017 – This holiday season, the Washington County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign to help keep impaired drivers off the road. The campaign runs December 13-31, 2017.

According to NHTSA, 37,461 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2016, and 28 percent (10,497) of those fatalities were in crashes during which a driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the legal limit of .08.

On average, a driving under the influence arrest costs \$10,000 in attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and repairs, and more.

Deputies are asking the public to play it safe this holiday season and always plan a sober ride before the festivities begin. If you are buzzed, do not drive. "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving."



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