



PRESS RELEASE

Sunny Weekend Brings Crashes Including a Fatality

March 31, 2013—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to numerous crashes. Several people were injured and one man died as a result of the crashes.

During the weekend beginning March 29, 2013 and ending March 31, 2013, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to numerous crashes throughout the county. There were many reported crashes to include two that were DUII related.

On March 30, 2013, at 4:49 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash on SW McCormick Hill Road. They found a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup that failed to negotiate a curve crashed into a tree. The driver, Cody Stone, 22, and his brother, Nikolas Stone, 21, were previously transported to the hospital. Both men received non life-threatening injuries. It is believed that alcohol was a factor in this crash. The investigation is continuing with probable charges filed against Cody. (Photo attached)

On March 30, 2013, at 6:40 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash on SW Highway 219 at SW Wolsborn Avenue. They found a 2001 Dodge pickup that was driven by George Chavez-Gutierrez, 28, crashed off of the roadway at a high rate of speed. The truck sheared off a power pole and crashed into a field. Witnesses said Mr. Chavez-Gutierrez was driving recklessly prior to the crash. He was not injured. Deputies arrested Mr. Chavez-Gutierrez and charged him with DUII, Reckless Driving, and Criminal Mischief. (Booking and crash photo attached)

On March 31, 2013, at 1:13 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash on SW Farmington Road west of SW 209th Avenue. They found that Ruth Johnson, 90, was traveling eastbound on SW Farmington Road in her 2002 Toyota Camry. Deputies believe Ms. Johnson turned left directly into the path of Jerrold McEachern, 60, from Beaverton, who was riding his 2007 Suzuki D6E motorcycle. The Suzuki collided into the side of the Camry causing extensive damage to both vehicles. Jerrold McEachern was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival. Ruth Johnson was not injured. This case will be forwarded to the District Attorney for review. (Photo attached)

During this time period, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies arrested more than 12 DUII drivers and responded to numerous other crashes.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office advises citizens to be extra cautious as the weather continues to improve and more people are traveling the roadways. Citizens need to watch for increased numbers of pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycles, and other vehicles. If alcohol is consumed, have a designated sober driver pre-arranged.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to have increased roadway patrols during high use times.