



PRESS RELEASE

Metro Sheriffs' Memorial Weekend Safety Patrols

May 22, 2013--Metro area Sheriff's Offices from Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill Counties will be increasing their DUII patrols during this Memorial Day holiday weekend. Deputies will be out in force working in a regional effort to identify and arrest DUII drivers and other aggressive drivers.

The Sheriffs of these five counties have collectively agreed to target intoxicated drivers on their respective roadways with the goal of ZERO traffic related fatalities during the holiday weekend. Through this collaborative effort, thousands of miles of roadways will be patrolled by deputies actively looking for impaired dangerous drivers. Deputies will also be looking for drivers that are distracted, speeding, or following too closely.

The National Safety Belt Enforcement Campaign began on May 20, 2013 and will continue through June 2, 2013. Deputies will be working to gain compliance with seatbelt laws in efforts to reduce fatal and injury traffic crashes.

On Tuesday, a follow-up media release will detail the combined actions taken by the deputies through the holiday safety mission. Media are invited to ride along in the county of their choice by contacting that county's Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer directly.

The Sheriffs will continue this partnership to utilize combined resources to enhance public safety. They agree that combining resources within the metro area and surrounding counties will best assure that the mission of each office will be served.

The elected office of Sheriff is unique. By statute, they are responsible for several areas of public safety that are critical, including operating a jail, search and rescue, waterway protection, and civil services.

Please visit the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association website or any members of the coalition for more information on the Office of Sheriff.