

NEWS RELEASE



Russel Burger, Sheriff
Lane County Sheriff's Office
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401
(541) 682-4150 / FAX (541) 682-4522
Email: sheriffs.office@co.lane.or.us

CASE NUMBER: None

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: May 5, 2009 Cinco De Mayo

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: May 4, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.

NATURE OF STORY: Coordinated DUII Saturation Patrol

LOCATION: Lane County

DETAILS: Lane County Sheriff's Deputies and Deputies from counties across the state will be teaming up to remove Impaired Drivers from Oregon roads during the Cinco De Mayo celebration, Tuesday May 5, 2009. Grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be used to pay for extra patrols during this event. Coordinated saturation patrols for St. Patrick's Day, Cinco De Mayo and The 4th Of July are required for all recipients of DUII grant funds from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association. County Sheriffs will be teaming up with the Oregon State Police to detect and arrest impaired drivers.

Statistics have shown the best way to deter the crime of DUII is through active enforcement. Oregon Department of Transportation statistics show 45.2% of all Oregon Fatal Traffic Collisions involved drug or alcohol impairment. According to statistics from the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association, www.nabca.org, 25,000 Oregonians on a yearly average will be arrested for DUII. This averages out to 68 arrests a day or nearly 3 DUII arrests every hour.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office encourages people to drink responsibly and use designated drivers or take the keys from friends or family who have had too much to drink to drive. Sheriff's Deputies and State Troopers will be actively seeking out and arresting impaired drivers.

Prepared by: Sergeant Fred Swank

For Additional Information Contact: Sergeant Fred Swank (541) 682-4150