

## NEWS RELEASE



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**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: October 31, 2009 – Halloween**

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**NATURE OF STORY: Coordinated DUII Saturation Patrol**

**LOCATION: Lane County**

**DETAILS:** Lane County Sheriff Deputies and Deputies from counties across the state will be teaming up to remove Impaired Drivers from Oregon roads for Halloween October 31, 2009. Grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be used to pay for extra patrols during this event. Lane County Deputies will be teaming up with the Oregon State Police to detect and arrest impaired drivers state-wide.

Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to drunk drivers. In 2008, 58 percent of all highway fatalities across the nation on Halloween night (6 pm Oct. 31 to 5:59 am Nov. 1) involved a driver or a motorcycle rider with a BAC of .08 or higher. With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, we don't want revelers taking the party to the roadways, putting trick-or-treaters and responsible motorists at risk. That is why state and local law enforcement will be out in full force cracking down on drunk drivers with an aggressive "*Drunk Driving, Over the Limit Under Arrest*" enforcement blitz. [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org)

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. The Lane County Sheriff's Office encourages people to drink responsibly and use designated drivers or take the keys from friends or family who may choose to drink and attempt to drive. Sheriff's Deputies will be actively seeking out and arresting impaired drivers.

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