

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** No case number.

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** December 31, 2006.

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** December 28, 2006.

**NATURE OF STORY:** Saturation Patrol New Years Eve

**LOCATION:** Lane County

**DETAILS:** Deputies from the Lane County Sheriffs Office Traffic Safety Team, in cooperation with the Oregon State Police will be conducting a saturation patrol on Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> for New Years Eve. This saturation patrol will focus on County Roads and State Highways in Lane County. Funds from the Oregon State Sheriffs Association DUII Grant will be used to staff this saturation patrol Office.

This patrol will focus on Minors In possession of alcohol, DUII, Open Container Violations, Speed Racing, Speeding, Following Too Close, Driving Un-Insured, Failure to use safety belts and other traffic safety violations.

According to ODOT statistics from the 2005 Oregon Traffic Crash Summary, Lane County had 3,712 documented traffic collisions. Of these collisions 1,268 resulted in injuries, 2,412 resulted in property damage and 32 were fatal collisions. Of these reported collisions 57 were directly related to a DUII driver.

The purpose of this saturation patrol is to provide enforcement on targeted Lane County Roadways that have frequent traffic collisions and traffic fatalities. The intent of this saturation patrol is to provide an increased presence to deal with DUII drivers.

The Lane County Sheriffs Office encourages citizens to have a safe New Years Eve by being responsible and using designated drivers.

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