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## **Upcoming DUII Safety Enforcement**

To mark the end of the summer travel season and the upcoming Labor Day holiday, Tigard Police officers will be joining other law enforcement agencies across Oregon in a high-visibility enforcement from August 18<sup>th</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup> focused on people who are driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

So far this year (through August 17<sup>th</sup>) Tigard Police officers have made at least 75 DUII arrests. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for us to encounter drivers who have a blood alcohol content of two or three times the legal limit of 0.08%. Our department also has a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) who can respond to scenes to evaluate whether a driver is under the influence of a substance other than alcohol.

Every one of those 75 instances creates a dangerous environment for not only the driver in question, but his or her passengers, other drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and the larger community.

If you choose to drink or use drugs, please hand over your keys to a sober friend, call for a ride or make other arrangements to preserve your safety and the safety of others.

This upcoming enforcement is made possible thanks to federally-funded overtime hours, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact.

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