



# Tigard Police Department Media Release

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## Multiple DUII Arrests Made During High Visibility Enforcement Safety Campaign

During the holidays, Tigard Police participated in a grant-funded High Visibility Enforcement campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, offered by Oregon Impact, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The funding allowed Tigard Officers to work overtime, focusing primarily on impaired and unsafe driving. Officers on this detail arrested four drivers for DUII and issued eleven citations and warnings for other violations.

“Drunk driving is a massive problem in the United States, with more than 10,000 people dying annually,” says Tigard Police Chief Kathy McAlpine. During the holiday season, impaired driving typically trends upward. With DUII arrests taking 3-4 hours to process between the traffic stop, sobriety tests, to jail transport, additional resources allows officers to be more proactive in monitoring roads and stopping dangerous drivers.

Tigard Police ask for your help making our roads safer and stopping impaired driving:

- Plan for a safe alternative to driving impaired by arranging for a designated driver, rideshare, taxi, or public transportation.
- When you see something, say something. Says Chief McAlpine, “If you’re out on the roads and you see someone driving under the influence – please call 9-1-1. You could help save a life.”

Tigard Police plan to apply for future grants that are credited with improving the safety of our roads and highways. Find out more information about these efforts here: [oregonimpact.org](http://oregonimpact.org).