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Super Bowl Patrol Statistics

CORVALLIS, Ore. – The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) worked extra patrols throughout the month of January thru the morning of February 3, for Super Bowl Sunday.

With grant funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Benton County Sheriff's Office responded to 36 traffic crashes, five of those involved injuries. The office also had the following activity levels measured in citations and arrests:

Thirteen individuals were arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII);
Thirty-three citations were issued for driving while suspended;
Forty-eight citations were written for speeding;
Six citations for the use of a cell phone while driving; and
Seventy-six other citations were issued for other various violations.

On February 2, 2020, through the early morning of February 3, 2020, there were 13 patrol units involved in patrol shifts targeting impaired drivers and DUII enforcement in Benton County. Involved agencies were the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Corvallis Police Department, and Philomath Police Department.

With the 13 units, there were 192 traffic stops, resulting in 206 warnings and 28 citations for traffic violations.

There were eight arrests for DUII (5 for alcohol, 3 for drug). The average blood alcohol for the eight operators under the influence of alcohol was .17%. Three Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) evaluations were conducted as a part of this operation, relating to the three controlled substance DUII arrests. One of the DUII arrests involved an injury traffic crash where the suspect was arrested for other crimes in relation to driving impaired; the crashed into another vehicle causing injuries and vehicle damage.

BCSO will continue to participate in extra patrols enforcing speed, safety belt, child seat, distracted driving, and DUII laws throughout the grant year, ending September 30, 2020.

Driver impairment and speeding are the most common causes of injury crashes. Oregon's DUII enforcement program is committed to reducing the amount of crashes and impaired drivers on our roadways by keeping them off the roadway and arresting them when they choose to drive. For more info on impaired driving, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.com.

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