

State law enforcement plans DUII crackdown

Planning to drink and drive?

If you're "over the limit," that's not a good plan.

Law enforcement officers statewide are intensifying efforts through Labor Day, Sept. 7, as part of the national campaign: "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest."

The campaign was announced by the Oregon Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII in conjunction with the Oregon State Police, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, Oregon State Sheriffs Association, and the Oregon Dept. of Transportation.

The goal is: "To raise awareness about the importance of driving sober so we can save lives."

Driving under the influence is one of America's deadliest crimes. In Oregon last year, 136 people lost their lives in alcohol-impaired

crashes, according to ODOT's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

During the 2008 Labor Day weekend alone, nine people died in crashes involving alcohol or drugs. Nationwide during 2008, nearly 12,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood-alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.

"Far too many people are lost every year to drunk driving," said Gov. Kulongoski. "Through enforcement and educational efforts like this, we can reduce the amount of drunken driving crashes on our roads and save lives."

According to FARS, the Labor Day holiday period is historically the second deadliest on Oregon roads of all the holiday periods throughout the year. Last year's deadly crashes in Oregon occurred on roadways in nearly every corner of the state including

Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, Coos, Grant, Harney and Yamhill counties.

The picture for motorcycle riders, across the country and in Oregon, is particularly bleak. During 2008, motorcyclist fatalities continued an 11-year increase nationwide, reaching 5,290. In Oregon in 2008, 48 motorcyclists died in crashes; 18 were in alcohol-involved crashes.

Data from previous years shows that while motorcycle registrations have increased, the rise in motorcycle fatalities has gone up more steeply.

The national "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." impaired driving crackdown is organized by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and supported by law enforcement throughout the nation. It focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public

awareness through advertising and publicity. This year's effort is to help put everyone on notice that if they are caught driving impaired, they will be arrested.

"Make no mistake," said Chuck Hayes, chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII and retired director of the OSP Patrol Services Division. "Our message is simple and to the point. No matter what you drive -- a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle -- if you get caught driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be arrested."

"Driving under the influence is just not acceptable."

Last year during the Labor Day holiday period, OSP troopers reported 87 DUII arrests. This was an increase from the 2007 and 2006 Labor Day holiday weekends when OSP troopers arrested 78 intoxicated drivers each year.



Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) personnel and American Medical Response ambulance crew responded to meet a patient with a reported traumatic injury in Selma, but the patient was transported by private car instead. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept.)

Where's the fire?

Following are emergency responses logged by Illinois Valley Fire District for the week that ended Sunday, Aug. 23.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
*12:44 p.m., medical assist, Redwood Hwy./Hogue Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
*4:02 a.m., medical assist, 600 block Forest Creek Road.

*5:53 p.m., medical assist, 300 block Caves Hwy.

*6:42 p.m., open burn, 800 block Airport Road.

*7:01 p.m., medical assist, 100 block N. Redwood Hwy.

*7:25 p.m., medical assist, 1400 block Lakeshore Dr.

*7:35 p.m., medical assist, 2100 block Laurel Road.

Thursday, Aug. 20
*3:06 p.m., mutual aid structure fire, 800 block NE 10th St., Grants Pass.

*8:17 p.m., mutual aid

structure fire, 800 block NE 10th St., Grants Pass.

*10:11 p.m., open burn, 23000 block Redwood Hwy.

*10:38 p.m., open burn, 23000 block Redwood Hwy.

Friday, Aug. 21
*9:15 a.m., medical assist, 800 block Eight Dollar Road.

Saturday, Aug. 22
*12:14 a.m., medical assist, 38000 block Redwood Hwy.

*5:32 p.m., medical assist, 3000 block Dick George Road.

*6:39 p.m., assist the public, 8000 block Takilma Road.

Sunday, Aug. 23
*9:04 a.m., medical assist, 600 block Caves Hwy.

*2:54 p.m., MVA, 33000 block Redwood Hwy.

*5 p.m., medical assist, 100 block Hussey Ave.

*9:10 p.m., medical assist, 1000 block Thompson Creek Road.

Say you saw it in the *I.V. News*

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Wednesday, Aug. 12

*A Kerby resident stated that she received three letters from her ex-husband, who is in prison. She wants no further contact, she said, and will seek a restraining order.

*Emergency personnel responded to a report that a man was lying on a sidewalk on S. Redwood Hwy. in Downtown Cave Junction at 2:14 p.m. He said that he was just resting.

*Someone entered a cafe in Selma through a window, the owner reported. But nothing was taken, apparently.

Thursday, Aug. 13

*Three persons were seen sitting on the open air stage at Jubilee Park at 12:21 a.m. They ran off as a deputy approached.

*Just after 2 a.m. a woman claimed that four Hispanic men attempted to kidnap her as she left a Downtown Cave Junction bar. She kicked her way free, she said, and ran to a house nearby.

*Theft of a "Smoker's Outpost" cigarette butt container from behind Cave Junction City Hall was reported.

*A man was said to be throwing rocks at passing cars in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 10:02 a.m. When passers-by asked him to stop, he reportedly threatened to throw rocks at them.

*A restraining order violation was reported on E. River Street.

*Damien M. Clark, 16, was cited on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (PCS)/less than an ounce of marijuana in Downtown Cave Junction at 6:21 p.m. He was released to the custody of his mother.

*Four people were warned against trespassing in the 300 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 7:03 p.m.

*A Lakeshore Drive resident reported that kids were messing with mailboxes in the 1000 block, opening them and peeling street address labels off. The kids were warned about the serious repercussions of their behavior.

*Michael J. Carte, 27, was cited on a charge of speeding (62 mph in a 45 mph zone).

*Two people were contacted in the 300 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 8:19 p.m. Neither claimed a nearby can of beer.

*Contacted in Downtown Cave Junction, Verl Boatman, 50, was lodged in Josephine County Jail in Grants Pass on restraining order violation charges.

*On Holland Loop at 10:07 p.m. a 17-year-old boy was said to be "out of control" and throwing items at his parents, their house and vehicles. The family agreed to settle the issues in the morning.

Friday, Aug. 14

*Nicholas Stephen Jones, 18, was cited for an illegal campfire near Six Mile Campground out Illinois River Road at 2:12 p.m.

*Stephen Ray Clardy, 53, was lodged in county jail on charges of second-degree criminal mischief and a warrant charging failure to appear (FTA) on a charge of second-degree burglary and third-degree theft following an episode of shoplifting at Shop Smart Food Warehouse.

*At Illinois River Forks State Park, Donald Bernald, 49, was cited on warrants charging FTA on original charges of driving with a suspended license (DWS) and driving while revoked (DWR).

*A man with blond hair and a beard, apparently also blond, and wearing green shorts and a red sweatshirt was said to be walking back and forth near residences in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 5:33 p.m. The caller was concerned because the man kept looking at her.

*Shirley Sarfaty, 51, was cited on a charge of PCS/less than an ounce of marijuana, at Illinois River Forks State Park at 6:16 p.m.

*A gray Ford van was reported stolen from the driveway at Great Cats World Park at 8:03 p.m.

*A caller on Elwood Lane reported that a "transient male" wearing a red sweatshirt and brown shorts and driving a silver-colored van approached her gate and asked her for money to go to Crescent City.

*The owner of a stolen gray van reported that his vehicle had been seen in O'Brien.

*Located in O'Brien, Robert David Smith, 35, was cited on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, unauthorized entry of a vehicle and first-degree theft. The gray van that Smith was accused of stealing was recovered at a Lone Mountain Road address. Smith was lodged in county jail.

*Following a report that a child had been assaulted on S. Junction Avenue, Jade Charleton Yandell, 19, was cited on charges of third- and fourth-degree assault. Also,

he was cited on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol. His blood-alcohol content was logged at .24.

*A deputy noted three people alongside Redwood Hwy. near Westside Road. One was on the ground. When he checked, the deputy was told that one had fallen.

Saturday, Aug. 15

*The valley was pretty quiet.

Sunday, Aug. 16

*Two children, 5 and 6 years old, were reported missing from a residence in the 500 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 3:46 p.m. They were located not far away. The children were returned to their mother, and admonished to not go visiting friends without mother.

Monday, Aug. 17

*A blue pickup truck was reported abandoned on a W. Schumacher Street lot.

*A Selma resident stated that she'd been assaulted by her boyfriend when she packed her things to leave. Also, he broke the rear window on her vehicle, she said.

*A man stated that he'd been bitten by a transient person's dog as he was breaking up a dog fight. He wondered if he might need shots.

*Jeremy Beck, 29, was lodged in county jail on a charge of probation violation after he phoned to report that he'd been assaulted at a Barlow Street residence, where he had no permission to be.

*At 7 p.m. a Burgundy Lane resident said that four teen-aged girls walked past her house, shouting about "how intoxicated and high" they were.

*Vehicles were noted in the driveway of a vacant residence on Caves Hwy.

*On Shadowbrook Drive a caller said that there was a disturbance stemming from a dog having been run over.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

*In Kerby, a caller reported hearing a car go off the road and the sounds of the engine revving and a girl screaming. Two young men stated that they were having some off-road fun on the powerline road, when their vehicle careened into a ditch off Holton Creek Road. The screaming was from a girlfriend of one, who was angry about the incident.

*A miner said that someone had jumped his Sucker Creek claims, replacing his paperwork with theirs.

*Disoriented, bleeding from the head and pushing a plastic wheelbarrow, a man was found traveling slowly down O'Brien Road at 4:50 p.m. David James Parker, 50, was treated for a scratch and bump to the head, and he was lodged in county jail on a

warrant charging probation violation on an original second-degree burglary charge.

*No reason was found for an alarm at Sterling Savings Bank in Cave Junction at 8:31 p.m.

*A caller stated that a man entered her Kerby residence and said something about beating her up. Charges of first-degree burglary, domestic menacing and four charges of restraining order violation were referred to the county district attorney.

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How Much Life Insurance do I Really Need?

Life insurance is a topic that concerns many people, yet very few actually take steps to make sure they are properly covered. According to a 2003 MetLife study, 49% of the respondents are concerned about their family's financial security in the event of their death or their spouse's death. However, nearly the same percentage of participants, 45%, had done no specific planning for premature death.

When it comes to life insurance, there are two mistakes you can make - not having enough, and having too much. How do you determine how much life insurance you need?

One basic approach for estimating the need is based on your annual salary. Simply multiply your annual salary by five to 10 and you have a potential value. While this method is easy, it fails to take into account your unique circumstances such as a mortgage, marriage, and the number of children. In addition, the range of insurance solutions can be quite broad depending on whether you use the number five or 10.

Another method for determining your life insurance need is to identify the specific expenses that will need to be covered when you are gone. Typically, six factors are part of this calculation - child care expenses, debt retirement, education funding (for kids or surviving spouse), income replacement, burial expenses and your current amount of life insurance.

If you should pass away, your spouse will most likely return to work to support the family, and child care could be a necessity. This expense can be crippling to any family's budget. To gauge this amount, multiply the annual child care expense by the number of years that care will have to be provided.

To retire some debt, you can add in an additional amount to the policy's death benefit to alleviate part of the financial burden should a premature death occur. Some of these debts could be mortgages, college loans, and auto loans to name a few. If you choose, you can also add in an amount to provide for your children's education. Depending on your situation, an amount may be included for the surviving spouse's education in order to support the family.

When considering income replacement, the amount will probably be less than your current salary on an annual basis because your personal expenses will no longer be an issue. Multiply the amount of annual income that needs to be replaced by the number of years you would like it provided. Don't forget to include the funeral expenses. This cost alone could typically run about \$15,000, which does not include probate and legal costs.

Add up these expenses and subtract the amount of your current policy. Will your family have enough to cover these expenses with your current insurance coverage?

Estimating your need for life insurance can be confusing. Consulting an investment professional can help you determine a course of action for your specific situation. An investment professional can not only help you determine the amount of insurance you need but also assist in determining how an insurance policy fits into your financial strategy. Remember it is always a good idea to have an annual policy review with your advisor.

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