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NATURE OF STORY: **VEHICLE CRASH FATALITIES DOWN IN
LANE COUNTY**

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team reports vehicle crash fatalities are down from last year. As of October 2007 there have been nine (9) less fatalities on Lane County roads compared to the same time frame last year.

"The reduction in fatalities in Lane County is a direct result of the combined hard work in the area of traffic safety by Lane County Deputy Sheriffs, State Troopers, and City Police Officers. These results would not have been possible without grant funding.", said Sheriff Russ Burger.

The Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team received two (2) grants last year from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The grant money is used by the Traffic Safety Team for DUII and Seat Belt Enforcement.

The Traffic Safety Team exceeded the expectations set forth in both grants. This was not an easy task. Specific parameters are set forth by both the OSSA and NHTSA when awarding these types of grants.

The goal set forth in the DUII grant was 143 DUII arrests; the Traffic Safety Team had 333 DUII arrests. The Goal for the Safety Belt grant was 405 enforcement contacts they had 747.

These DUII arrests and Safety Belt Enforcement contacts were made during specific targeted times of the year using the monies received from the grants. The Sheriff's Office made 550 DUII arrests for the entire year (this includes the grant).

This coming year (October 2007 to October 2008) the OSSA has again awarded grant monies to the Traffic Safety Team. They received a grant for \$40,000 to use towards Safety Belt Enforcement and another for \$47,450 to be used for DUII Enforcement.

For Grant year 2006-2007

SAFETY BELT ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Hours	561
Average pre blitz survey	91
Average post blitz survey	96
Total Safety Belt citations	747
Cites per hour Safety Belt	1.33158
Total of ALL Citations	2051
Cites per hour ALL Citations	3.65597
DUII Arrests on Safety Belt	21

DUII ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Hours	725.5
DUII Arrests	333 (27 of these under the age of 21)
Safety Belt Citations	100
Total ALL Citations	2016

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