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NATURE OF STORY: Lane County Sheriff’s Office Participating in Operation Dry Water

DETAILS:

Lane County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol deputies, in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard, will be participating in the Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement weekend from July 5 – 7, 2019. Operation Dry Water is a boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign with the mission of reducing the number of alcohol and drug related crashes and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the water.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is working to increase boater awareness of the dangers and risks associated with boating under the influence and will be on the lookout for impaired boaters. The priority during this holiday weekend is to provide boaters with a safe and enjoyable experience by removing dangerous and impaired boaters from the waterways.

Operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries and consequences. In Oregon, the same laws that apply to motorists and intoxicants apply to boaters on the water. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office reminds boaters to always boat sober and wear a life jacket when on the water.

Visit operationdrywater.org or the Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol page for more information about boating under the influence.

*2017 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics.*