

## **Beaverton Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## Stay Safe This Labor Day Holiday Spread the Word: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

During the 2019 Labor Day holiday week, Beaverton Police Department will increase patrols aimed at drastically reducing drunk driving on our roadways.

Sadly, the statistics prove that we have a lot of work to do to put an end to drunk driving. According to NHTSA, 10,874 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2017. On average, 10,000 people were killed each year from 2013 to 2017—one person was killed in drunk driving crashes every 48 minutes in 2017. That's the equivalent of 20 jumbo jets crashing each year, with no survivors. This is why BPD is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death.

BPD urges everyone to find a sober ride home. As you head out to Labor Day festivities, remember: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*.



