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Saturation Patrols for Cinco De Mayo and UO Football Spring Game Celebrations

Eugene Police will partner with Oregon State Police and the Springfield Police Department in anticipation of any alcohol-related calls for service Friday thru Monday.

DUII saturation patrols will search out intoxicated drivers and give police the ability to respond effectively to problem parties in all areas of the city and prevent issues from growing out of control, without reducing police response to other calls for service. Officers will make every effort to actively seek any vehicle that is reported as a possible DUII, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Drivers who suspect dangerous or possible DUII drivers are encouraged to call 911 to support this effort.

Minors in possession of alcohol, persons carrying or consuming alcohol on the street, and party hosts and others involved in law-breaking may be ticketed or arrested. Eugene residents can notify police of problems in their neighborhoods and request police response by calling 682-5111.

Hosting a party? Plan ahead to prevent the need for police response:

Respect your neighbors. Find ways to celebrate that do not infringe upon your neighbors and that are alcohol-free. Give your neighbors a telephone number and the name of the person to contact if there is a problem (and be responsive to their calls!).

Control the guest list. “Come one, come all” parties usually result in police contact. Have a door monitor to screen guests. Don’t let random people who are walking around looking for a party into your house.

Keep it down! Monitor your party’s noise. Keeping doors and windows closed helps reduce outside noise levels.

Adults only. If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons 21 years of age or older. Furnishing alcohol to minors is not just irresponsible; it’s a crime.

Drink responsibly. Discourage drinking games. Have a non-drinking person serving
alcohol and don’t let people carry alcoholic beverages outside.

**Safety first.** If you are concerned for a friend’s medical safety—such as suspected alcohol poisoning—call 9-1-1 immediately.

**Prevent drunk driving.** Arrange for transportation by a designated driver before anyone drinks. Make sure arrangements are understood by everyone. Ensure that people don’t drive under the influence (a person riding a bicycle under the influence is also a DUII). As the party host, you also may be liable.

**Clean it up.** Your neighbors may be more tolerant of your next party if you clean up promptly after this one. Ensure you remove any debris from your yard or the street.

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