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To: Valley Media Agencies
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Subject: **2019 - 2020 Oregon Impact DUII Grant for Silverton Police**

The Silverton Police Department has been awarded a 2019 - 2020 driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) grant through Oregon Impact and ODOT. To meet requirements of the Grant, DUII enforcement will occur on dates surrounding Holiday's such as Christmas 2019, New Year's 2020, Labor Day 2020 as well as some other holidays and events throughout the upcoming year. During the holidays and special events we anticipate an increased number of people in the community, which results in additional vehicle traffic and the potential for an increased amount of impaired driving. In an effort to increase traffic safety, and decrease impaired driving Silverton Police Officers will be conducting extra DUII patrols during those dates. By getting the word out early it is our sincere hope that you make plans to get home by other means than impaired driving.

Oregon law states the following:

1) A person commits the offense of driving while under the influence of intoxicants if the person drives a vehicle, while the person:

- a) Has 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in the blood of the person as shown by chemical analysis of the breath or blood of the person.*
- b) Is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a controlled substance or an inhalant; or*
- c) Is under the influence of any combination of intoxicating liquor, an inhalant and a controlled substance.*

Getting arrested for DUII can cost thousands of dollars in fines and attorney fees; it also causes your license to be suspended and your vehicle to be impounded. Please make the decision to drive sober or call for a ride from someone who has not been drinking. This will help save lives and protect those around you.