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ODOT Urges Motorists To Drive Safely Over Labor Day Holiday Weekend

Traffic crashes on Oregon Highways over the Labor Day Holiday Weekend in 2007 claimed the lives of seven (7) people. Here are some tips from the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Police to help reduce that number.

- **Be watchful for emergency vehicles** displaying required warning lights and using emergency equipment. **Yield when required and maintain a safe distance when they are working on our highways.**
- **Get plenty of rest** before starting out. Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- **Expect the unexpected. Be informed and prepared.**
- **Plan ahead and take known routes** if possible. For road conditions in Oregon, call 5-1-1 or (800) 977-ODOT (6368), or visit TripCheck.com.
- **Watch for motorcycles and bicycles on our highways.**
- **Be aware of many road construction projects.** Even when workers are not present, all work zone speed limits still apply and fines double. Inactive work zones still have equipment, detours, and incomplete changes in the roadway so drivers need to slow down and be alert.
- **Always use safety restraints and child safety seats correctly.**
- **Don't drink and drive.**

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