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Average BAC in March Alcohol DUIs was .17%

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign again in 2019. The focus of this campaign is taking impaired drivers off our streets, keeping Beaverton a safe city to travel and live.

Officers were out on targeted patrols for impaired drivers during the month of March and made 44 DUII arrests. During the month of April, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off the streets of our no refusal city. This High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) detail was paid for by grant funds. Out of the 44 arrests, 8 people refused to take a breath test and a warrant for a blood draw was granted. Out of the people who were arrested for an alcohol related DUII and provided a breath sample, the average blood alcohol content (BAC) in their blood was .17%.

8 Of the 44 DUII drivers in March crashed their car prior to being arrested. 19 Intoxicated drivers, which included the 8 traffic crashes, were found by citizens calling the police and 25 intoxicated drivers were found by our patrol officers performing self-initiated activity.

The highest BAC in February was .30% and the lowest BAC was .05%. 14 People had a BAC of .16% or higher and of those, 7 people had a BAC higher than .24%.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please use a designated driver or find another sober ride home.

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