



News Release

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Sheriff's Office will be adding extra patrols during graduation week

Area High Schools begin graduating today and continue thru next week. The Sheriff's Office will be adding extra patrols during this period to try and prevent tragic deaths of High School students like the one last weekend in Mason County. While graduation from High School is a great reason to celebrate, celebrations involving underage drinking and driving are a proven formula for tragedy.

The Sheriff's Office will respond to juvenile drinking party complaints and take enforcement action for minors found to be in possession or consumption of alcohol or allowing underage drinking on their property. We will also be checking area merchants who sell alcohol to make sure they are checking for valid identification and prevent teens from trying to get adults to buy alcohol for them. In addition, volunteers will be checking popular areas in state woodlands that have seen 'keggers' in the past.

Patrols will consist of both unmarked and marked units. Hopefully, with the cooperation of parents, merchants, and students we can have a safe celebration for our graduating seniors in Thurston County.

Graduation dates:

North Thurston School Dist.

North Thurston HS June 13th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

River Ridge HS June 11th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

Timberline HS June 12th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

South Sound HS June 6th (North Thurston Center for Performing Arts)

Tumwater School Dist.

Tumwater HS June 14th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

Black Hills HS June 14th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

Olympia School Dist.

Olympia HS June 16th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

Capital HS June 10th (St. Martin's Pavillion)

Avanti HS June 12th (Knox Auditorium)

Yelm School Dist.

Yelm HS June 8th (Tacoma Dome)

Rochester School Dist.

Rochester HS June 8th (Commons Area)

Tenino School Dist.

Tenino HS June 6th (Stadium @ School)

Rainier School Dist.

Rainier HS June 6th (New Gym @ school)

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