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New tool helps get drunk drivers off the road *Mobile DUI testing unit will roam the state*

At your next concert, fair or celebration, you might see a large, dark vehicle surrounded by several law enforcement officers — but it's not a SWAT team. It's the new mobile DUI processing center, or MDPC, a sort of police station on wheels. Its goal: keep drunk drivers off Oregon highways.

“This allows law enforcement to bring the equipment necessary to process a DUI offender to



the scene of the offense instead of the other way around, which can sometimes take up valuable time,” said Troy E. Costales, ODOT Safety Division administrator. “Trained DUI officers can be back out on the road removing dangerous drivers much quicker when they can use the MDPC.”

The MDPC is a 2007 36-foot Winnebago Voyage motor home retrofitted with all the equipment necessary to test and process potential drunk drivers: three Intoxilyzer 8000s, three work stations with laptops and printers, and two temporary holding cells. The unit also includes emergency supplies, cell phones and radio communications equipment.

The MDPC, purchased by OSP through a grant from ODOT's Safety Division, cost \$171,000 and is available for use by all law enforcement agencies in the state. Oregon State Police will coordinate the scheduling of the unit.

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