

Law Enforcement Efforts over Rod Run Weekend Leads to a Safer Roadway Event

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LONG BEACH, Wash. - Local law enforcement agencies in Pacific County are calling Rod Run a successful event, with no major incidents to report over the weekend of events. Organized by the Beach Barons, the 30th Annual Rod Run to the End of the World has grown in the number of spectators over the past two decades. Approximately 760 classic vehicles met at Wilson Field for the two day event, where an estimated 8,000 people viewed the cars and participated in several family friendly events. Although the Beach Barons have very strict rules regarding alcohol consumption on the grounds of the event, often the alcohol related problems occur after the festivities wrap up for the day and spectators gather along the streets of Long Beach to view the classic cars once again.

This year, local law enforcement including the Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Long Beach Police Department, and Washington State Patrol are pleased to report a successful event. Over the weekend, there were no major traffic incidents or collisions reported — which includes serious injury collisions, fatality collisions and/or hit and run investigations. Significant results from the two-day event are below: Officers made over 330 traffic stops for traffic violations. 10 DUI (Driving under the Influence) arrests were made. 139 contacts for speeding, resulting in 51 speeding infractions. 14 seatbelt restraint violations, resulting in nine infractions. Six drivers were arrested for driving while their license was suspended or revoked. One driver was cited for negligent driving. One arrest was made for a misdemeanor warrant. The combined law enforcement effort was also supported by officers from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, other Pacific County municipalities, and Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz counties.