



MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: **Memorial Day Weekend STOP-DWI Crackdown**

WHEN: May 21st – May 25th

WHERE: Statewide Enforcement

NOTES: This is the third of seven STOP-DWI crackdown periods across the state this year. During the enforcement wave, local law enforcement agencies state-wide will be out in force, utilizing sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, to deter drunk driving and ensure the safety of our roadways. Motorists are reminded that driving with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 or higher will put them over the limit and under arrest.

STOP-DWI, or “Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated,” is a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining highway safety program. All 62 counties are participating in the program, which allows each to establish a STOP-DWI Program that qualifies for the return of all fines collected for alcohol and other drug-related traffic offenses occurring within its jurisdiction.

The first two STOP-DWI crackdown periods of 2009 were January 26th – February 2nd for Superbowl Sunday and March 9th – March 17th for St. Patrick’s Day. The remaining crackdown periods for this year are: June 21st – July 5th, Fourth of July; August 21st – September 7th – National Over the Limit-Under Arrest Enforcement; October 25th – October 31st, Halloween; and November 20th – January 2nd, Holiday Season.

SPECIAL NOTE: Media wishing assistance on setting up interviews with local STOP-DWI coordinators, law enforcement or state officials are encouraged to contact DMV.

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