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News Release

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Holiday DWI Enforcement Campaign

Officers with the Springfield Police Department will be participating in the Statewide Holiday DWI Enforcement Campaign, to stop people from driving while impaired this Holiday season. Enforcement efforts will be increased December 5th-12th, and will focus on reducing deaths and serious injuries, caused by impaired drivers.

Losing a loved one during the Holiday season is a tragedy no one should have to endure. Impaired driving is a preventable crime, and the Springfield Police Department will crack down, so driver's can feel secure when traveling on Missouri's roadways.

Consequences of driving while intoxicated can result in the loss of your driver's license for the first conviction. A second conviction can result in a \$1000.00 fine, a yearlong revocation of your driver's license, and up to one year in jail. It can also result in the mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device on your vehicle. A third or subsequent conviction can result in up to a \$5000.00 fine, a ten year denial of your license, and up to seven years in jail.

If you cause a fatal crash while driving intoxicated, you could be charged with Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony, resulting in up to seven years in jail and a \$5000.00 fine, or both.

In 2010, 240 people were killed and 962 seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver. Remember, If You Drink and Drive, You Lose!

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