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Police Highlight DWI Enforcement May 4-13

With prom and graduation season here, the Springfield Police Department wants to make sure Springfield youth are celebrating safe and sober. The SPD will join other Missouri law enforcement agencies to crack down on drunk driving May 4th – 13th, 2011.

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol in Missouri, yet youth make up a portion of drunk drivers causing traffic crashes on Missouri roadways. Missouri has a Zero Tolerance Law. If you are under 21, your license will be suspended if you're caught driving with even a trace of alcohol in your system.

Consequences of drunk driving include jail time, loss of their driver license, or being sentenced to use ignition interlocks. Insurance rates go up and other financial hits include attorney fees, courts costs, lost time at work and the potential loss of job or job prospects.

The SPD will begin DWI checkpoints this week and will continue random checkpoints throughout summer and fall months.

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