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News Release

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Weekend Sobriety Checkpoint Results

The Springfield Police Department, in conjunction with, the Greene Co. Sheriff's Office, conducted two sobriety checkpoints on October 26th into October 27th. The first checkpoint was conducted at the intersection of South Avenue and Harrison Street. The first checkpoint was closed, and a second checkpoint was conducted at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Olive Street in Springfield, Missouri. A total of 589 motorists were contacted during the 4 hours the checkpoints were in operation. A total of twenty-two (22) arrests were made during the checkpoints. A total of Eighteen (18) drivers were arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. There were additional arrests for: one (1) arrest for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, two (2) Misdemeanor drug arrests and one (1) warrant arrest. A total of two (2) summonses were issued for other traffic violations.

The checkpoint was funded through a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety.

Consequences of drunk driving include jail time, loss of driving privileges, sentencing to use ignition interlocks and increased insurance rates. Financial losses include attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work and the potential loss of a job.

Drunk driving is not worth the consequences – remember, if you drink and drive, you lose.

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