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WCSSO Increases Impaired Driving Enforcement

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (WCSSO) is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for its "Booze It and Lose It" campaign from Friday, August 16 to Monday, September 2, surrounding the Labor Day holiday. This initiative coincides with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization to increase impaired-driving enforcement nationwide.

The WCSSO plans to have extra deputies on patrol, sobriety checkpoints and continue to educate the public about the dangers of drunk, impaired and distracted driving through mobile message boards and local media.

Williamson County Sheriff Dusty Rhoades said the deputies will also begin stricter enforcement of the Hands Free Tennessee cell phone law.

Increased state and national messaging about the dangers of drunk driving, coupled with increased sobriety checkpoints and high visibility enforcement, aim to drastically reduce the number of drunk-driving crashes, injuries, and fatalities this year.

The consequences of a single DUI conviction for a first-time offender in the state of Tennessee may include costly fines, court costs, legal fees, jail time, mandatory drug and alcohol treatment, and/or the installation of an ignition interlock device in his/her vehicle.

The THSO provides grant funding to support WCSSO's increased enforcement efforts during the *Booze It and Lose It* campaign.

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