



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Directed Overtime Traffic Enforcement

Location: Roadways of Boone County

Date & time: February 22, 2009

In 2007, 992 people lost their lives as a result of motor vehicle crashes in the state of Missouri. 243 out of those 992 people died in one of the 7,700+ alcohol-related crashes, which occurred in Missouri that year. In a continued effort to combat impaired driving on the roadways in Boone County, the Boone County Sheriff's Department will have additional Deputies working overtime during the week of Feb 22 - 28, 2009, with a mission to remove impaired drivers from the roadways of Boone County.

In addition, statistics show that 54% of the people killed nationwide in motor vehicle crashes are not wearing safety belts, however, nearly one in four Missourians still fail to regularly wear their safety belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Statistics also show that 31% of fatal motor vehicle crashes nationwide are speed related. Based on these facts, the Boone County Sheriff's Department is joining with other law enforcement agencies around the state on February 25 for an aggressive "Click It or Ticket" mobilization. On that day, the Boone County Sheriff's Department will be aggressively cracking down on hazardous moving violations,

such as speeding, and will be aggressively enforcing Missouri's safety belt laws.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department would like to remind everyone that we are all part of the solution. Please consider the following tips:

- Don't risk it - if you plan to drive, don't drink.
- Encourage safe driving behaviors among family, friends and co-workers.
- Choose a designated driver before going out. A designated driver is someone who drinks NO alcohol at all
- Leave early for your trips. Excessive speed kills.
- Always wear your safety belt - it's your best defense when involved in a motor vehicle crash.

Statistical information provided by Missouri Department of Transportation Division of Highway Safety and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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