



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Sobriety Checkpoint – *"You Drink & Drive. You Lose."* Campaign
Location: Boone County, MO
Date: May 5 – 9, 2010

Details:

The Boone County Sheriff's Department received a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Division for participation in the *"You Drink & Drive. You Lose."* campaign to stop people from driving while impaired. Enforcement efforts will be increased May 5-9 and will focus on reducing deaths and serious injuries caused by impaired drivers. Between May 5th and May 9th, the Boone County Sheriff's Department will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint. The Sobriety Checkpoint will begin late in the evening of the pre-determined day and conclude during the early morning hours of the following day.

It is never worth the risk to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Consider some of the consequences if you are caught driving while intoxicated:

- For the 1st conviction (or 1st conviction in over five years), your license will be suspended for 30 days followed by a 60-day suspension if a hardship license is not obtained.
- A 2nd conviction results in a \$1,000 fine, a yearlong revocation of your license and up to a year in jail. You will also be required to install an ignition interlock system on your vehicle, preventing your car from starting when you have alcohol on your breath.
- 3rd and subsequent convictions can be penalized with up to a \$5,000 fine, a 10-year license denial, and/or up to seven years in jail.
- If you cause a fatal crash while intoxicated, you could be charged with Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony resulting in up to seven years of jail time, a \$5,000 fine or both.
- Insurance coverage will be difficult to find and if you do the rates will be significantly higher.

For more information, please visit www.saveMOlives.com

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

Release date & time: May 2, 2010 @ 1700 hours
Release authorized by: Deputy Nikki Antimi
Boone County Sheriff's Department – Traffic Enforcement Unit