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### **Media Release**

**Incident: St. Patrick's Day DWI Crack Down**

**Location: Boone County, MO**

**Date: March 16-20, 2011**

The sobering fact is that impaired driving contributes to 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities. In 2009, 281 people were killed and 1,141 seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver. That is why the Boone County Sheriff's Department will join other Missouri law enforcement agencies to crack down on drunk driving March 16-20.

During this St. Patrick's Day holiday enforcement period, the Boone County Sheriff's Department will bring in extra deputies for DWI saturation patrols to enforce Missouri's DWI laws and remove impaired drivers from the roadways.

Consequences of drunk driving can include jail time, loss of their drivers licenses, being sentenced to use ignition interlocks, injury, or death. Other financial hits include increased insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and potential job loss.

Driving drunk is simply not worth all the consequences. Our message is simple and unwavering: **"You Drink and Drive. You Lose"**.

For more information, please visit [www.saveMOlives.com](http://www.saveMOlives.com)

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

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Release authorized by: Sergeant Brian Leer  
Traffic Enforcement Unit