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Media Release

Incident: Safety Checkpoint
Location: Boone County, MO
Date: Week of March 26, 2012

Suspended, revoked and unlicensed drivers operating motor vehicles on the public roadways of Boone County continues to be a problem. From March 1, 2011 thru February 29, 2012, the Boone County Sheriff's Department cited 377 people for operating a motor vehicle on roadways in Boone County while their driver's license was suspended or revoked. Often the person's driver's license was suspended or revoked for repeated hazardous moving violations or for not maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle insurance). A large number of these suspended and revoked drivers have demonstrated a lack of discipline and safety behind the wheel of a motor vehicle and their privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been taken from them. During that same time period, the Boone County Sheriff's Department also cited 124 people for operating a motor vehicle on the roadways of Boone County without having a valid driver's license and issued 578 citations for not having proof of financial responsibility while operating a motor vehicle.

In an effort to address the suspended, revoked and unlicensed drivers operating motor vehicles on the public roadways of Boone County, the Boone County Sheriff's Department will conduct a Safety Checkpoint in Boone County, MO, between March 26, 2012 and March 31, 2012. The Safety Checkpoint will be conducted during daylight hours. The checkpoint location is not random and has been chosen based on the number of suspended, revoked or unlicensed drivers cited for these violations in the area.

Motorists encountering the Safety Checkpoint will be asked to present their driver's license and proof of financial responsibility (motor vehicle insurance). Law-abiding motorists encountering the checkpoint should expect minimal delay. The Boone County Sheriff's Department wishes to thank motorists of Boone County in advance for their patience and cooperation during this operation.

This event is funded by a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation Division of Highway Safety.

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

Release date & time: March 26, 2012 @ 1000 hours

Release authorized by: Sgt. Brian Leer
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