



## MEDIA RELEASE

### OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

SHERIFF PAUL N. WHITE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Traffic Safety



Sheriff's Deputies will be teaming up with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and local law enforcement officers across Anderson County during the Fourth of July holiday weekend, cracking down on drunk drivers with an aggressive *Drunk Driving: Over the Limit, Under Arrest* enforcement blitz. To ensure motorists are obeying the law, the Anderson County Sheriff's Department will conduct saturation patrols throughout the county in an effort to reduce fatalities and traffic crashes.

During the 2010 Fourth of July holiday weekend, 15 people were killed in 14 crashes on Tennessee roadways, a fatality rate of one death every five hours and twelve minutes. Of the nine vehicle occupants killed last year, six of them were not wearing seatbelts. Four motorcyclists also died during last year's holiday weekend as were two pedestrians. Four of the 15 deaths last year occurred in alcohol-related crashes. In 2011, preliminary statistics provided by the Tennessee Highway Patrol show 428 people have died in on Tennessee roadways, down from 510 at this same time last year.

Sheriff Paul White said, *"Have a safe and wonderful holiday weekend. Don't drink and drive and don't let friends drink and drive."*

This traffic safety campaign is funded by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Office.

For more information, visit <http://tntrafficsafety.org>.

**Sheriff Paul White**