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Thanksgiving Traffic Safety

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department, along with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and other local law enforcement agencies, will be participating in the Tennessee Thanksgiving Traffic Enforcement Campaign, from Monday, November 21, through Sunday, November 27, 2011. Deputies will be looking for impaired drivers along with children, teens, and adults who are not properly secured with a seat belt or child safety restraint system.

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend commonly outranks all other holidays in the number of alcohol related crashes. Those driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, endanger not only themselves, but also their passengers and other motorists.

Failure to take time to buckle up is also responsible for needless injuries and death. Those who do not buckle up are about twelve times more likely to be killed and almost twice as likely to suffer injury as those who do buckle up. Even worse is the fact that injuries suffered by those who are unbuckled are likely to be much more severe than those suffered by someone who is restrained.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department asks if you are going to be drinking don't even consider driving home. Arrange a ride with a non-drinking acquaintance. Don't let pride or convenience endanger your life and the lives of innocent others. Always wear your seatbelt and don't move the vehicle until each person riding with you is restrained. By always following these simple rules, you will preserve life – maybe your own.

Sheriff's deputies will be out in force this Thanksgiving holiday period. This effort is supported by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Office.

For more information about highway safety during Thanksgiving, please visit: www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov.

Sheriff Paul White