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Independence Day Traffic Safety

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department will take part in the "No Refusal" campaign by conducting saturation patrols during this Independence Day holiday period. This traffic safety initiative is an effort to curtail impaired drivers. Deputies will be assigned to focus on the enforcement of state laws covering driving under the influence and other traffic offenses. These saturation patrols will run from Friday, June 29, through Sunday, July 8.



"No Refusal" is a law signed by Governor Bill Haslam in May, where law enforcement officers can obtain search warrants for blood samples from people arrested for driving while under the influence if the person refuses to submit to a blood alcohol test. Once officers receive the warrant, they will take the person under arrest to have their blood drawn and sent to be tested for alcohol and drugs.

A sobriety checkpoint will be held the evening of Saturday, July 7, on Lake City Highway (U.S. 25W) near Lake City. This will be a multi-agency effort sponsored by the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

"The Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays due to an increase in impaired driving fatalities," said Sheriff Paul White. "Too many people die behind the wheel each year due to those who choose to drive after drinking, so our deputies will be out in full force this Fourth of July showing zero tolerance for impaired drivers."

This effort is supported by a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

For more information, please visit www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov.

Sheriff Paul White