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Labor Day Traffic Safety

If you're ready to hit the road on this Labor Day weekend, the Anderson County Sheriff's Department asks that you "Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over". The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently released new numbers on drunk driving deaths. Alcohol related deaths accounted for one out of three fatalities on the road in 2010. Now, law enforcement agencies across the country are stepping up drunk driving enforcement through the holiday weekend.



The new report shows drunk driving deaths dropped slightly from 2009 to 2010 by about 5 percent, however, drivers that do drink are increasingly intoxicated. New statistics released show that 70 percent of deaths in drunk driving crashes in 2010 involved drivers with a blood alcohol level that was nearly twice the legal limit.

NHTSA facts:

- 20 to 24 year-olds are most likely to be involved in drunk driving deaths.
- There was one drunk driving death every 51 minutes during 2010.
- Drivers caught for one DUI are four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash.

The "Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over" campaign will take aim at drunk drivers with increased enforcement. The Anderson County Sheriff's Department will take part in this campaign by conducting saturation patrols during the Labor Day holiday period.

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

For more information, please visit: www.nhtsa.gov.

Sheriff Paul White