



## MEDIA RELEASE

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ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Holiday Traffic Safety

**Anderson County Sheriff's Department Launches Crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* – December 16, 2009 through January 3, 2010.**

***"Major Enforcement Effort Seeks to Save Lives."***

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In 2008, 11,773 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.



That is why the Anderson County Sheriff's Department will be joining with thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation from December 16<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, to take part in the crackdown on impaired driving: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*

*"Make no mistake. Our message is simple. No matter who you are or what you drive, if we catch you driving impaired, we will arrest you,"* said Sheriff Paul White. *"We will be out in force to get drunk drivers off the road. Our goal is to save lives."*

*"Driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Yet we continue to see far too many people suffer serious injuries and loss of their loved ones as a result of impaired driving. The Anderson County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to arresting impaired drivers wherever and whenever we find them,"* said Sheriff White. *"So don't take the chance. Remember, if you are over the limit, you are under arrest."*

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and our local police agencies, will be conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the holidays. This effort is supported by a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

For more information, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).