

# Drunk Driving. OVER THE LIMIT.

# UNDER ARREST.

**CHECKPOINT STRIKEFORCE**

Sobriety Checkpoints and Police Patrols  
Every Week Everywhere.

District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia

## IMPAIRED DRIVING It's Risky, Costly & Deadly

### IN OUR AREA:

- With a DUI arrest in DC, Maryland and Virginia, you will lose your driver's license through Administrative License Revocation.
- According to the Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board, total costs of a DUI arrest are between \$5,000 and \$20,000.
- In 2005, there were 607 alcohol-related traffic deaths in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

### NATIONALLY:

- Drunk driving is one of America's most-often-committed and deadliest crimes. 16,885 people died in alcohol-related crashes. More than 254,000 were injured – One person every 2 minutes!

### AMONG YOUNG DRIVERS:

- 16-20 year olds are TWICE AS LIKELY to die in an alcohol-related crash.
- At current rates, 3 out of every 2,000 kids who turn 16 this year will die in a crash before their 21st birthday.

## That's Why There's Checkpoint Strikeforce

- An intensive law enforcement mobilization to get impaired drivers off our roads.
- Stopping over 600,000 drivers last year at sobriety checkpoints and in saturation patrols in the mid-Atlantic area.
- Using checkpoints and patrols when and where drunk driving is most likely to occur.
- Combining high visibility checkpoints and paid advertising to create awareness of enforcement and educate the public about dangers and consequences.

## Checkpoints Work!

- According to Insurance Institute of Highway Safety studies, sobriety checkpoints can reduce alcohol-related traffic fatalities by as much as 20 percent. They deter people from driving under the influence and arrest those who drink and drive.
- Every year, thousands of impaired drivers have been stopped, arrested, and taken off our roads. The program also catches seat belt and child safety seat violators, car thieves, wanted felons and fugitives, drug users and people driving with suspended licenses.

## AVOID TROUBLE

### IF YOU'RE DRINKING:

- Never drive impaired. *You will be stopped.*
- Choose a designated sober driver. Or take mass transit or a cab.
- Spend the night where the activity is being held.

### WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING:

- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Buckle up – it is the best defense against an impaired driver. And it's the law.

### COSTS FOR A DUI CONVICTION CAN BE AS HIGH AS \$20,000.

You'll lose your license – and a lot of your freedom.

That's too high a price for a few hours of fun.

## BAC AND PREDICTABLE EFFECTS ON THE AVERAGE PERSON

.02	Relaxation; Loss of inhibitions; Mild intensification of existing mood; Lightheadness
.05	Mild euphoria; Emotions and behavior become exaggerated; Deficits in fine motor skills; Delayed reaction time; Lack of recognition of these deficits
.08	Motor skills and speech impaired; Balance is affected; Sight and hearing are reduced; Impaired judgment such that one's ability to evaluate or respond to a variety of situations is impaired; Recognition of cognitive motor deficits is lost
.10	Lack of coordination and balance; Memory and judgment are severely impaired; Recognition of impairment is lost; Emotions are exaggerated to the extreme point of belligerence in some cases
.15	Significant impairment of all mental and physical functions with deficits in judgment; Feeling as if one is in a stupor; Blackouts (drug induced amnesia); Risk of accidental injury to self and others; Significant loss of control over behavior
.20	Confusion; Standing upright is difficult; Movement requires assistance from others; Physical harm to self often goes unnoticed or is ignored; Vomiting may occur or gag reflex is affected with increased risk of asphyxiation from choking on vomit
.30	In a trance-like state; Unconsciousness (passed out)
.40	Comatose; Extremely high likelihood of death due to respiratory or cardiac failure

Source: Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control



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