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Duxbury Police Department Launches Intensive Crackdown on Impaired Driving

Duxbury, MA – The problem of impaired-driving is a serious one. While America witnessed a decline in the number of impaired-driving fatalities from 2008-2009, the numbers are still too high. That's why the Duxbury Police Department today announced it will join other law enforcement agencies throughout the country in support of an intensive crackdown on impaired driving this August 19–September 5, known by its tagline, *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*

There were 347 motor vehicle-related fatalities in Massachusetts in 2009.

Thirty-nine percent of these deaths involved the use of alcohol or other drugs, just above the national rate of 38%.

To reduce impaired driving, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division (EOPSS-HSD) has a statewide campaign called **Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.**

This campaign coordinates extra state and local traffic enforcement, paid and earned media, and community education during three-week mobilizations.

December 2011 Mobilization
August 19, 2011 - September 5, 2011

EOPSS-HSD also provides grant funding to the State Police to conduct almost year-round sobriety checkpoints with two Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobiles with support from local police.

Melanie's Law was signed into effect on October 28, 2005. It significantly increased penalties for impaired driving offenses in Massachusetts, especially those involving repeat drunk drivers

In every State as well as the District of Columbia it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. Approximately 10,000 police agencies will participate in this year's mid-December through New Year's Day crackdown, including law enforcement officers representing every State, the District of Columbia and many U.S. cities and towns.

According to the latest data, 32 percent of fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involved a driver or motorcycle rider with a BAC of .08 g/dL or above — an average of one fatality every 45 minutes.

The Duxbury Police Department said its officers will be aggressively looking for all impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone they find driving while impaired — regardless of age, vehicle type, or time of day.

The national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* crackdown is led by NHTSA and combines high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

For more information on the crackdown, visit the High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign Headquarters at www.StopImpairedDriving.org.