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Over the Limit. Under Arrest NEWS RELEASE

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Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

Kronenwetter Police Department joins nationwide law enforcement crackdown to prevent drunken driving

To combat the deadly dangers of drunken driving, **Kronenwetter** officers will be out to arrest impaired motorists as part of a nationwide law enforcement crackdown from Aug. 21 through Sept. 7. The “Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest” crackdown will combine stringent law enforcement with a federally funded media campaign to deter impaired driving.

Drunken driving devastates individuals, families and whole communities. Last year, alcohol-related crashes in Wisconsin killed 234 people and injured 4,319, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Approximately 37,000 drivers—a number nearly equal to the population of Beloit—were convicted of drunken driving in Wisconsin in 2008.

This year, deaths from motorcycle crashes are increasing compared with last year, and approximately 47 percent of all fatal motorcycle crashes in Wisconsin are alcohol-related.

LT Terry McHugh said, “Drunken driving is too prevalent and too deadly to ignore. That’s why we don’t give warnings or accept excuses for drunken driving. If you’re over the limit, you’ll be arrested. The decision to drive while impaired will likely be one you’ll regret the rest of your life, if you’re lucky enough to live. A recent death of an infant due to a suspected intoxicated driver is a big reason why we here in law enforcement need to continue the detection and apprehension of impair drivers.

During the upcoming crackdown and throughout the rest of the year, our goal is not to arrest more drunken drivers. We simply are trying to save lives and prevent injuries. If we can deter people from getting behind the wheel when they're impaired, we will make progress toward the goal of reducing the number of preventable traffic deaths to *Zero in Wisconsin.*"

Instead of risking an arrest for impaired driving, **Kronenwetter Police Department** offers the following suggestions:

- Choose a sober designated driver before you start to drink.
- If you're feeling buzzed, you probably are over the 0.08 (alcohol concentration) limit and should not drive.
- Rather than drive while impaired, take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. (Visit www.tlw.org and click on Safe Ride for more information.)

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