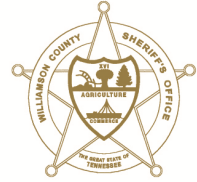




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WCSCO Increases DUI Enforcement during the Holidays

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) to enhance drunk-driving enforcement through January 1, 2017. The statewide Booze It and Lose It campaign is part of a national mobilization to prevent drunk driving.

The WCSCO will have extra deputies on patrol and will work with other agencies to conduct roadside sobriety checkpoints to get drunk and impaired drivers off the roads. The WCSCO wants you to have a safe and happy holiday season, so we are urging everyone to drive safely and responsibly. If you are out celebrating with alcohol, use a designated driver. We also encourage patience when you drive because there will be more traffic during the holiday period and people will be in a rush to get to their destinations. And, when you drive or ride, always use your seatbelt even if you are traveling a short distance.

A single DUI conviction can cost an individual \$5,000 or more, in addition to jail time. An offender could also be required to attend drug and alcohol treatment or to install an ignition interlock device inside his/her vehicle. Any penalty imposed by law pales in comparison to the injury or death of a loved one.

The THSO provides grant funding to support WCSCO efforts during the Booze It and Lose It holiday enforcement campaign.

