



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**WHAT:** **Fourth of July STOP-DWI Crackdown**

**WHEN:** June 21 – July 5

**WHERE:** Statewide Enforcement

**NOTES:** This is the fourth of seven STOP-DWI crackdown periods across the state this year. During the enforcement wave, local law enforcement agencies statewide will be out in force, utilizing sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, to deter drunk driving and ensure the safety of our roadways. Motorists are reminded that driving with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 or higher will put them over the limit and under arrest.

STOP-DWI, or “Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated,” is a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining highway safety program. All 62 counties are participating in the program, which allows each to establish a STOP-DWI Program that qualifies for the return of all fines collected for alcohol and other drug-related traffic offenses occurring within its jurisdiction.

The first three STOP-DWI crackdown periods of 2009 were: Jan. 26-Feb. 2 for the Super Bowl; March 9-17 for St. Patrick’s Day; and May 21-25 for Memorial Day. The remaining crackdown periods this year are: Aug. 21-Sept. 7 for Labor Day; Oct. 25-31 for Halloween; and Nov. 20-Jan. 2 for the Thanksgiving through New Year’s holiday season.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Media requiring assistance scheduling interviews with local STOP-DWI coordinators, law enforcement or state officials are encouraged to contact DMV.

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