

Impaired Driving Enforcement Crackdown to be Conducted in Hudson County as Part of National Campaign 2016

HUDSON COUNTY – Hudson County Sheriff Frank Schillari announced today that the Hudson County Sheriff's Office will be participating in New Jersey's largest annual drunk driving crackdown. Officers from Hudson County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the 2016 Labor Day Statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. Beginning August 19 and running through September 5, County, Local and State law enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols, looking for motorists who may be driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

"Our participation in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign looks to curtail impaired driving during the busy summer travel season, including the Labor Day holiday period. Even one drink can impair your judgment and reaction time, putting not only yourself, but everyone on the road, in danger," said Sheriff Schillari "I will be adding extra patrols and a checkpoint as part of our enforcement efforts. The extra patrols are paid through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations Drive Sober or Get Pulled over grant."

In 2014 alcohol-impaired fatalities accounted for 27 percent of New Jersey's motor vehicle fatalities. As part of the initiative, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety provides grants to local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to run the two-week campaign. "Last year, 20% of the fatal crashes in Hudson County were alcohol related" the Sheriff said.

Sheriff Schillari offers the following advice:

- If you plan to drink, designate a driver, someone who will not drink alcohol, before going out.
- Take mass transit, a taxi or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is held.
- Always buckle up, every ride, regardless of your seating position in the vehicle. It's your best defense against an impaired driver.
- If you're intoxicated and traveling on foot, the safest way to get home is to take a cab or have a sober friend or family member drive you to your doorstep.

Hudson County Sheriff's Office "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign a Total Success

JERSEY CITY, NJ – From August 19th until September 5th, the Hudson County Sheriff's Office participated in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign. The Campaign is funded by grant money from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The campaign is designed to crackdown on drunk driving across the nation.

“The grant money allows us to add extra patrols that focus on drunk drivers,” said Sheriff Frank X. Schillari. “My officers were out for the last two weeks and we were able to take several impaired drivers off the streets before they hurt somebody.”

In addition to roving patrols, the Sheriff's Office conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, August 26th at Jersey Avenue & 18th Street on the Jersey City, Hoboken border.

“At our checkpoint we arrested a total of six people, one for DWI and five for possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances,” added Schillari. “In addition to the arrests, there were 25 summonses issued.”

“My Office is dedicated to public safety and we are trying to get the message out, drunk driving is dangerous, it can have deadly consequences and in Hudson County, we have a zero tolerance policy towards Driving While Intoxicated.” Concluded Schillari.

The Sheriff's Office released the following results for the entire Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign:

Arrests:

DWI (Alcohol) – 4
CDS (Drugs) – 11
Total Agency Arrests during Campaign – 36

Summonses:

Open Container of Alcohol in Vehicle – 4
Possession of CDS in Vehicle – 6
Seatbelt – 12
Speeding – 46
Cell Phone – 7
Unlicensed Driver – 8
Suspended Driver – 35
Child Restraint – 4
Reckless Driving – 48
Careless Driving – 36
Unregistered Vehicle - 36