



## Over the Limit. Under Arrest FACT SHEET

From the Wisconsin DOT, Division of State Patrol,  
Bureau of Transportation Safety

The Evansville Police Department will be participating in the “Over the Limit Under Arrest Crackdown” on Drunk Driving. The details of this initiative are described as follows.

### **Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. crackdown—Aug. 21 to Sept. 7**

- To save lives and prevent injuries, law enforcement officers from agencies all over Wisconsin and throughout the nation will be patrolling in greater numbers and for longer hours from August 21 to September 7 to arrest impaired drivers and get them off the road.
- Saturation patrols and other types of high visibility enforcement have proved to be an effective deterrent to impaired driving, especially when combined with an effective media campaign like ***Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.***

### **Impaired driving is prevalent and deadly:**

- Wisconsin has the highest rate of drunken driving in the nation. More than 26 percent of Wisconsin adults who were surveyed admitted that they had driven under the influence of alcohol in the previous year, according to a nationwide [study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released in 2008.](#)\*
- Last year, alcohol-related crashes killed 234 people in Wisconsin and injured 4,319.
- Deaths from motorcycle crashes are increasing this year. And approximately 47 percent of all fatal motorcycle crashes in Wisconsin are alcohol-related.

### **Drive impaired and you'll get arrested:**

- Last year in Wisconsin, approximately 37,000 drivers were convicted of drunken driving. a number that exceeds the population of many major cities, including Manitowoc, Superior and West Bend, and nearly equals the population of Beloit.
- Our message is simple . if you're over the limit, you will get arrested. There will be no warnings or second chances.
- If you're arrested, you can lose your license as well as a huge amount of money. Repeat offenders also face imprisonment. If you hurt or kill someone in a crash you will face very serious charges, like vehicular manslaughter.

- Refuse a blood/breath alcohol concentration test and you can lose your license on the spot and have your car impounded.
- Our goal is not to arrest more drunken drivers. Our goal is to deter drunken driving, so that we can reach our ultimate goal of zero preventable traffic deaths.

### Important advice:

- Choose a sober designated driver before you start drinking.
- If you're feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive.
- Rather than risk an arrest, take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Save a life- don't let your friends drive drunk.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit [www.tlw.org/](http://www.tlw.org/) and click on Safe Ride.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

*\* U.S. Department of Health and Social Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health is available online at: <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/stateDUI/stateDUI.cfm>*

### Online resources:

- Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest Law Enforcement Action Kit: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/motorist/media/index.htm>
- Zero In Wisconsin traffic safety campaign, including TV and radio commercials <http://zeroinwisconsin.gov>
- Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest logos and artwork <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/planners/crackdown2009/index.cfm>
- Wisconsin drunken driving facts and statistics <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/motorist/drunksdriving/index.htm>
- UW Madison Law School Resource Center on Impaired Driving <http://www.law.wisc.edu/rcid>