



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Holiday Traffic Safety**

#### ***Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over.***



As you celebrate the holiday season enjoying traditions, food, family, and fun, be reminded that state and local law enforcement officers will be out in force this holiday season – from December 16 through January 2, 2012 – to arrest anyone caught driving drunk or impaired behind the wheel.

In December 2009, nationwide, there were 753 people killed in crashes that involved drivers or motorcycle riders with blood alcohol concentrations of .08 or higher.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department recommends these simple tips for a safe holiday season:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.
- If you're impaired, call a sober friend or family member.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement.

Remember – *Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over*. If you know someone who is about to drive while drunk or impaired, take that person's keys and help him or her make other arrangements to get home safely.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and our local police agencies, will be conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the holidays. This effort is supported by a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

For more information, please visit [www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov](http://www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov).

**Sheriff Paul White**