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Prom and Graduation Time

It's that time of year again. Thoughts turn to prom, graduation, and other special occasions to mark the end of the school year. These wonderful memories will be with our kids for the rest of their lives.

Our young students headed to the prom and from graduations are reminded not to drink and drive. Deputies with the Anderson County Sheriff's Department will be out in force on prom nights and after graduations. DUI, illegal drugs, and underage drinking will get you a ride to the County Jail.

The Sheriff Department also reminds teens that getting caught drinking under the age of 21 can result in losing a driver's license, getting suspended from school, ejected from sports teams, and even banned from graduation ceremonies.

Establishments that sell alcohol are reminded to ID. Underage sales and purchases will be prosecuted. In cooperation with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Sheriff's deputies and State Troopers will conduct an information campaign with our local beer permit holders to remind them of the importance of carding to ID all beer purchases. Spot checks of beer sellers will also be done and not only will the clerks who sell beer be cited but underage purchasers will be charged as well.

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 prom and graduation weeks. This effort is supported by a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol wants to remind youth and their parents to celebrate safe during the prom and graduation season.

Sheriff Paul White