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Dexter Police Department Arrested 1 Drunk Driver During Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign

Dexter Police partnered with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Labor Day weekend drunk-driving enforcement campaign. From August 17-September 3, local law enforcement showed zero tolerance for impaired driving, conducting 40 traffic stops resulting in the arrest of 1 offender for driving while intoxicated and issuing 3 speeding citations, 11 seatbelt citations, 3 driving while suspended or revoked citations along with 42 warnings for other various traffic violations.

“Drunk driving is a problem on our community's roads, and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign gives our enforcement an opportunity to help spread the message that this behavior is deadly and illegal,” said Chief Pulley.

Over the 2016 Labor Day holiday period (6 p.m. September 2 - 5:59 a.m. September 6), there were 433 crash fatalities nationwide. Of the fatal crashes, more than one-third (36%) involved drivers who were drunk (.08+ blood alcohol concentration [BAC]), and one-fourth (25%) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit (.15+ BAC). Age is a particularly risky factor: Among the drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday period in 2016, 47 percent of those fatalities involved drunk drivers with BACs of .08 or higher.

“It is the partygoer’s responsibility to refrain from drinking and driving,” said Chief Pulley. “That is why it is essential to use one of the countless tools available to ensure you get home safely. Drinking and driving is a choice; one you should never make.”

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