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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff Clarke Activates Operation Safe Drive During Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

Milwaukee, WI – Before the Thanksgiving holiday, Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke delivered his holiday and winter safe driving plan. The plan, which started this holiday weekend, continues through the end of the year. Most importantly, Sheriff Clarke insisted that motorists engage in **defensive driving** this winter season.

From Wednesday, November 23 to Sunday, November 28, the Sheriff's Office enforcement initiative, **Operation Safe Drive**, resulted in the following arrests, citations, and calls for service:

- 12 Seat Belt Citations
- 164 Excessive Speed Citations
- 11 Drunk Driving Arrests
- 26 Crashes with Property Damage Only
- 6 Crashes with Minor Injuries
- 33 Unlicensed/Revoked Drivers
- 8 Warrant Arrests

In addition, the Thanksgiving enforcement efforts of the Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task resulted in 18 drunk driving arrests.

Additional Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Statistics:

- The first OWI arrest occurred at 12:56 p.m. Wednesday
- The last OWI arrest took place at 3:10 a.m. Thursday
- The average prohibited alcohol level was .11
- The highest prohibited alcohol level was .19
- 145 citations were issued (including (2) deviating from lane, (16) speeding, (37) operating while revoked/suspended or without a valid drivers license.)

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The following agencies participating in the Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force:

- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
- Bayside Police Department
- Cudahy Police Department
- Franklin Police Department
- Greendale Police Department
- Milwaukee Police Department
- South Milwaukee Police Department
- St. Francis Police Department
- Wauwatosa Police Department
- West Allis Police Department
- City Of Brookfield Police Department
- City Of Elm Grove Police Department
- City Of Menomonee Police Department
- Town Of Brookfield Police Department

Defensive Driving Tips:

- Drive at speeds appropriate for skill & experience level
- Increase following/stopping distance
- Remain alert and watch out for quickly changing road conditions
- Wear your seat belt

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