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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 and wear their seat belts.

From Wednesday, November 21 to Sunday, November 25, the Sheriff’s Office enforcement initiative, **Operation Safe Drive**, resulted in the following arrests, citations, and calls for service (2012 and 2011 figures):

2012	2011
81	55 Seat Belt Citations
354	311 Excessive Speed Citations
22	16 Drunk Driving Arrests
22	36 Crashes with Property Damage Only
8	15 Crashes with Minor Injuries
70	45 Unlicensed/Revoked Drivers
9	7 Warrant Arrests

The 2012 traffic enforcement activity for citations and arrests totaled 566, a 14% increase compared to the 485 in 2011.

The Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force also participated, but those results are not included in the MCSO totals.

Additional MCSO OWI Task Force Statistics:

- The first OWI arrest occurred 11:45pm Tuesday
- The last OWI arrest took place at 8:55pm Sunday
- The average prohibited alcohol level was .14
- The highest prohibited alcohol level was .27

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Defensive Driving Tips:

- Wear your seat belt
- Drive at speeds appropriate for skill & experience level
- Increase following/stopping distance
- Do not text while driving
- Remain alert and watch out for quickly changing road conditions

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