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Operation Drive Sober Results in 18 Drunken Driver Arrests 799 Repeat Offenders since January 2010



Essex, Demond-3rd

Poad, Jeffrey-2nd

Dertz, Michael-2nd

Braatz, Catrina-2nd

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered increased weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols to arrest drunken drivers. The initiative, Operative Drive Sober, resulted in deputies taking 18 drunken drivers off the road this weekend.

The stepped up effort included arrests of four repeat DUI offenders, and one drug-impaired driver who was involved in a crash on I-94 westbound at Hawley Road and sustained minor injuries.

Demond Essex, age 29, of Milwaukee, was arrested for his third offense. The 2nd-offense drunken drivers were Jeffrey Poad, age 27, of Colgate, Michael Dertz, age 35, of Glendale, Catrina Braatz, age 26, of Wauwatosa.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office will have ZERO tolerance for motorists who drive drunk. Deputies will STOP, TEST, and ARREST those suspected of driving drunk.

The initiative was conducted using the resources of the MCSO Patrol Division, additional alcohol grant squads, MCSO OWI Task Force, and Targeted Enforcement Unit (TEU) squads. These resources will continue to be deployed to combat and minimize the alcohol, speed and aggressive driving incidents on the freeway system.

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