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Operation Drive Sober Results in 102% Increase in Drunken Driver Arrests 2012-2013 Year to Date Comparison

Milwaukee, WI – At the start of this year, Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered an aggressive weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of drunken drivers. The initiative, Operative Drive Sober, has resulted in deputies taking 237 drunks off the road year to date, a 102% increase over last year's total of 117.

The highly aggressive effort this year to make our freeway system a safer place to drive for sober motorists included arrests of 56 repeat DUI offenders. 2013 also saw almost triple the number of crashes year to date, a total of 32, up from 11 at this time in 2012. These drunks are going to kill somebody. This behavior is deadly.

DUI Arrests	January	February YTD	TOTAL
2012	86	31	117
2013	162	75	237

Offense	2012	2013
Drugs	5	14
1 st	83	159
2 nd	15	33
3 rd	5	14
4 th	1	6
5 th and above	4	5

Representative Jim Ott and Senator Alberta Darling have co-sponsored a bill in the Wisconsin Legislature to make it even tougher for drunken drivers to escape the consequences of their actions. We have enough laws to deter this behavior; the bill will prevent judges from finding loopholes in handing out stiffer sentences.

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Sheriff Clarke said, “Some believe you can’t arrest your way out of this problem. We’re going to try until tougher consequences are set.”

Deputies will STOP, TEST, and ARREST everyone suspected of impaired driving.

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