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Sheriff Clarke Orders Increased Patrols St. Patrick's Day Weekend in Response to Spike in Weekend DUI Arrests

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. has ordered increased patrols to be out in force for the St. Patrick's Day weekend, beginning today, Wednesday, March 16, to stop and arrest drunken drivers.

This initiative will begin at 2:00 p.m. today and conclude at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 20. The Patrol Division will partner with the Southeast Wisconsin Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force. MCSO will deploy 147 squads on staggered shifts throughout the initiative to detect, stop, test and arrest drunken drivers.

Sheriff Clarke said, "While most people participate in this celebration responsibly, some simply will not. Drunk driving is not a mistake. People make a conscious decision to drink too much alcohol and then drive. Drunk driving is a preventable crime."

The sheriff also ordered several rounds of warrant sweeps focusing on DUI-related warrants over the past two weeks. This initiative has so far lead to the arrest of 21 subjects and cleared 35 warrants.

People who expect to drink alcohol during the celebrations are urged to use designated drivers, the transit system, or taxi or private ride services instead of getting behind the wheel of a car while impaired.

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