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YOU DRINK & DRIVE. YOU LOSE. STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN ENTERS SECOND WEEK

As motorists take one last road trip before summer unofficially ends and the school year begins, more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies will continue to make drunk driving enforcement a priority as part of the statewide *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* crackdown. The crackdown began Aug. 18 and concludes Sept. 4.

In addition, law enforcement agencies in the state's 55 most populated and traveled counties are receiving federal traffic safety funds through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) for additional drunk driving patrols.

"As everyone makes the final arrangements for their Labor Day weekend plans, we want motorists to remember that law enforcement officers will be looking out for their safety by arresting drunk drivers," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director. "Drunk driving is a serious crime with serious consequences, and it will not be tolerated."

During the 2005 Labor Day weekend, 15 people died in traffic crashes, six of which involved alcohol. Law enforcement officers across the state arrested more than 2,100 motorists for alcohol-related offenses during the previous *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* crackdown in late December and early January.

Police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts in the following counties are receiving federal traffic safety funding for overtime patrols in this crackdown: Allegan, Alpena, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clinton, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Iron, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistique, Marquette, Mason, Menominee, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Otsego, Ottawa, Roscommon, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford.

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