

Anoka County DWI Task Force



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Anoka County Nightcap DWI Task Force is working towards zero deaths with an aggressive high visibility enforcement program, where the efforts of individual officers working as a team, no matter the shape of the badge, are measured by lives saved through educating the motoring public that law enforcement will not accept loss of life or injuries from impaired driving.

Participating Agencies:

Anoka Police Dept.
Anoka County Sheriff's Dept.
Blaine Police Dept.
Centennial Lakes Police Dept.
Columbia Heights Police Dept.
Coon Rapids Police Dept.
Fridley Police Dept.
Lino Lakes Police Dept.
Minnesota State Patrol
Ramsey Police Dept.
Spring Lake Park Police Dept.
St. Francis Police Dept.

Participating Agencies:

Anoka County Prosecutors
Minnesota Attorney General's Office
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Office of Traffic Safety

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➔ Traffic Safety History in Anoka County:

- S.T.E.P. – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
- ATAC – Anoka Traffic Accident Countermeasure
- *Safe & Sober*
- NightCap
- Anoka County DWI Task Force

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- ⇒ All these programs are traffic safety programs
 - S.T.E.P. - ATAC – Safe & Sober – NightCap were mainly individual programs in a group setting
 - Projects were worked on the same dates and times, but officers generally worked their own cities/area
 - ◆ There were occasional joint saturation patrols
 - Public perception was the police are not doing anything about traffic safety
 - Enforcement was scattered throughout the county
 - Low visibility

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- ➔ Anoka County was consistently the third deadliest county in Minnesota for alcohol related fatalities/crashes.
 - 2006 Anoka had 26 fatal crashes that resulted in 29 fatalities.
 - 12 alcohol related deaths were recorded in 2006.
 - The county experienced 1,386 personal injury crashes that resulted in 2,031 injured.
 - Law Enforcement felt these were very unacceptable numbers.

The fifteen deadliest counties in Minnesota:

- ⇒ Hennepin
- ⇒ Ramsey
- ⇒ Anoka
- ⇒ Dakota
- ⇒ St. Louis
- ⇒ Stearns
- ⇒ Wright
- ⇒ Crow Wing
- ⇒ Washington
- ⇒ Sherburne
- ⇒ Rice
- ⇒ Blue Earth
- ⇒ Beltrami
- ⇒ Cass
- ⇒ Olmsted

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⇒ The Plan:

- 11 agencies and the State Patrol joined together
 - Plan was formed
 - Every agency was involved in the plan
 - ◆ Managers – Perfect fit
 - This project was presented to the Anoka County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff.
 - Prosecutors
 - Judges
 - Clerk of Courts
 - Record Techs – Support Staff (Don't forget them)
 - ◆ Once they approved the effort, it was presented to the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council.
 - Chiefs, Sheriff, Mayors, Commissioners, City Councils and County Attorney

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■ The Bench!

- Met with Anoka County Judge Barry Sullivan
 - ◆ He carried the message to the rest of the judges
- Explained who, what, where, when why, and how
 - ◆ Very receptive
 - ◆ Offered advise for the project
 - ◆ Was instrumental in “paving the road”

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- Clerk of Courts:
 - Again, explained the 5 w's
 - ◆ Asked for input from clerk's office
 - ◆ Added court dates if needed
 - ◆ Remember to schedule update meetings.

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⇒ Where?

- Target roads with high alcohol related fatalities and crashes
- Hwy. 65
- I-694
- I35W & I35E
- Hwy. 47
- 109th Ave.
- Hwy. 242 (Main St.)
- Hwy. 10
- Hwy. 610
- Co. Rd. 22
 - And several other roads that need that “special” attention

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- There was no dispute over borders
 - The managers came up with a goal:
 - ◆ REMOVE ANOKA COUNTY FROM THE 15 DEADLIEST COUNTIES LIST

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- ⇒ A focused, high visibility, aggressive campaign
 - Aggressively seek out impaired drivers
 - This will be accomplished by stopping vehicles for ANY violation of Minnesota law
 - Officers will use common sense in issuing citations
 - ◆ 1 Exception to the rule:
 - Seat Belt violations
 - Certain roadways will be targeted
 - Officers will work mostly nights
 - Few split shifts
 - In other words:

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- IN YOUR FACE CAMPAIGN
- ARREST EVERY IMPAIRED DRIVER
- HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE
- AGGRESSIVE TRAFFIC COPS
- HIGH VISIBILITY

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➔ Traffic Vests

- Officers working the project - special vests
 - Highly reflective
 - Special terminology
- Magnetic signs on the back of squads
- Lighted construction signs - DWI Arrest Zone
- Alco-Sensors – Tint Meters
- Officers will hand out business cards

15 Mar, 2007

PRO Series 207 NIGHT CAP CREW

CONFIDENTIAL



**DWI
TASK FORCE**

Features:

Shell Choice – Fl.Yellow or Fl.Orange

Vis-Stop Front

Performance Mesh Back

Poly Trim – Verticals on Front & Back
match shell color

Poly Trim – Horizontals & Wrap offered
in Contrast Colors

Quick Release Shoulders

Break away zipper closure

Dual Mic Straps

Pen Pocket

Badge Tab Eyelets



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⇒ Surveys:

■ Past surveys

- See ads, TV-Radio commercials – newspaper ads
- Perception is;
 - ◆ Police are not doing anything about the problem

■ Surveys yearly.

- One of our goals, change the public's perception
 - ◆ In Anoka County, we are doing something

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⇒ Surveys:

- 400 Anoka County residents surveyed
- 87% drive daily
- 43% recognized ACDWITF slogan
 - After just 5 months
- 55% have seen the signs
- 42% believe they are “very likely” to be stopped
- 80% think it is “very important” to enforce DWI laws.

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➔ Project kicked off on May 4, 2007

- Blaine Police Dept.
- 8:00 PM
- Media event
- All Anoka County Law Enforcement Agencies represented, including the State Patrol
- Many elected officials were present



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OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORT

Officer/ Badge #		District/ Agency	
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Date	Event	Start Time	End Time

Total Hours Worked		
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State Patrol Use Only

Time	3001	3002	3003	3007	3044	3035	3171	
Codes								
Mileage	Unit:		Beginning:			Ending:		

ACTIVITY

	Total Number of Vehicles Stopped		
	Total Number of Citations Issued		
	Total Number of People Arrested		
	Total Number of People Held for a Formal Complaint		
	Tows without Custody		
Arrests/ Citations	Type of Violation	Arrests/ Citations	Type of Violation
	DWI (Know what degree)		Not A Drop violation
	Vehicle Forfeiture		Minor Consume/Possession
	DAR/DAS/DAC/ NO-DL		Warrants
	Drugs		No Insurance (Not Proof)
	Open Bottle		N/A

Arrests/ Citations	Warnings	Type of Violation
		Speed
		Seat Belts
		Equipment
		Miscellaneous

	Total Designated Driver Contacts
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Unusual Events or Comments:	Include the DL number of each DWI suspect

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⇒ Project:

- May – Sept.
 - Shape program
 - Work out problems
 - Adjust scheduling – roads, areas worked
 - Try new things
- October, 2007 through September, 2010
 - Project in full gear
 - Evaluate project upon completion
 - Were we successful?

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⇒ Joint Powers:

- What is joint powers?
- Who is involved with joint powers?

⇒ Anoka County & Joint Powers:

- Anoka County started this many years ago
- Great fore site by those who conceived this idea
- A valuable tool to law enforcement
- M.S.S. 471.59 Joint Exercise of Powers
 - Subd. 12 Joint Exercise of Police Power

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⇒ 471.59 JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS.

⇒ Subdivision 1. Agreement.

Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised. The agreement may provide for the exercise of such powers by one or more of the participating governmental units on behalf of the other participating units.

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⇒ Media:

- Each agency does press releases
 - Encourage agencies to keep it on the front burners
 - ◆ Many newspaper articles since May, 2007
 - ◆ This has resulted in recognition by the public
 - Cable TV shows
 - ◆ Several stories on the cable TV throughout Anoka County.
 - Channel 11 & 4 ran lengthy pieces on the task force.
 - ◆ Kick-off, Channel 4
 - ◆ Jesse Smith story on Channel 11



2005 CRIMINAL CONVICTION RATE FOR DWI INCIDENTS - 10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

– Overall;

- ◆ Anoka County's conviction rate is 88.3% *
 - 1st time offenders is 86.1%
 - 2nd time offenders is 93.3%
 - 3rd time offenders is 92.2%
 - 4th time offenders is 85.9%

* Minnesota Department of Public Safety

- ◆ Office of Traffic Safety

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⇒ Reserve Officers:

■ Reserves in Anoka County:

- Approx. 200+ reserves in the county
- Requested their help with;
 - ◆ Tows & tow sheets
 - ◆ Transport passengers
 - ◆ Transport prisoners
 - ◆ Ride along with officers working the detail
 - ◆ Security for Batmobile
 - ◆ Assist with signs
- Since May, they have volunteered hundreds of hours to the project.
 - ◆ Incredible!!!

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⇒ So how are we doing?

■ As of 1-31-08

- 7,752 Traffic Stops
- 537 Impaired Drivers Arrested
- 102 Warrant Arrests
- 38 Forfeited Vehicles
- 382 DAR/DAC/DAS Citations issued
- 79 Drug Arrests
- 50 Open Bottle
- 107 Not-A-Drop/Minor Consumption charges
- 424 Designated Drivers were found in the 7,752 stops

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⇒ So how are we doing?

- And the most important statistic:

- In 2007

- ◆ 3-4 Alcohol related fatalities

- That is a 66% or 75% decrease

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➔ Thank you for your time and effort

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