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Central Falls Police Department Cracks Down on Impaired Drivers During Summer Months:

CENTRAL FALLS – In January of 2016, the City of Central Falls had its first impaired driving related fatality since 2011. As a result, the Central Falls Police Department conducted an Impaired Driving Crackdown during the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The Impaired Driver Enforcement campaign utilized grant funding from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Office on Highway Safety. As a result of this additional funding, the Central Falls Police Department was able to utilize additional officers to crack down on impaired driving during the summer months.

Since twice as many alcohol-impaired accidents occur over the weekend and four times as many occur at night, the Central Falls Police Department specifically assigned extra patrols during the evening hours of the weekends.

The Central Falls Police Department also participated in mobilizations conducted by the Northern Rhode Island DUI Task Force and utilized the B.A.T. Mobile during one of the mobilizations. During the summer of 2016, the Central Falls Police Department arrested twenty-six impaired drivers. Of the twenty-six impaired operators, thirteen operators refused chemical tests, and one operator was suspected of being under the influence of drugs and a Drug Recognition Expert from the Central

Falls Police Department was utilized to conduct a Drug Influence Evaluation.

Recent statistics show every two minutes in the United States a person is injured by an impaired driver and a death occurs every fifty-three minutes as a result. It is the goal of the Central Falls Police Department to continue impaired driving enforcement in order to provide safe routes of travel for motorists and pedestrians within the city – as our goal is to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit.

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