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Central Falls Police Department Summer Campaign Launches an Intensive Crackdown on Impaired Driving:

CENTRAL FALLS – The Central Falls Police Department will join local and national law enforcement officers and highway safety advocates all across the country to encourage safe driving throughout the end of summer and Labor Day weekend. Law enforcement efforts across the country will focus on drinking and driving, and motorists can expect to see an increased police presence on the roads starting August 15, 2012 through September 3, 2012.

The crime of impaired driving is a serious one. In 2009 alone, 10,839 people died in crashes in which a driver or motorcycle rider was at or above the legal limit, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The age group with the highest percentage of alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes was the 21-to-24 age group.

Adding extra patrols will act as a deterrent to motorists who do not heed the message to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.” “All too often, innocent, law-abiding people suffer tragic consequences and the loss of loved ones due to an impaired driver. Since twice as many alcohol-impaired accidents occur over the weekend and four times as many occur at night, we will be especially vigilant during these high-risk times when impaired drivers are most likely to be on our roads.

Please do your part to keep our roads safe by not drinking and driving. Whatever your plans are to celebrate the end of summer, celebrate safely — make plans for a safe and sober ride.

Remember, preventing unnecessary deaths on Rhode Island roads is everyone's responsibility. Don't risk getting behind the wheel after drinking too much — impaired motorists will be arrested and face the consequences.



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