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Press Release

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Subject: Sheriff's Office Seeks Safe Labor Day Holiday, Targets Impaired Drivers

Deputies from the Galveston County Sheriff's Office will be out in force over the coming days working an initiative focused toward removing intoxicated and impaired drivers from county roadways.

The Impaired Driving Mobilization Program, funded through Texas Department of Transportation grant dollars, puts additional deputies on the streets during peak hours targeting impaired drivers of all types.

"While we usually deal with intoxicated drivers in this program, we are watchful for impaired drivers of all types," said Galveston County Sheriff Freddie Poor. "Arrest may be appropriate in some circumstances, but our primary focus is helping to make sure travelers are safe on the road."

Deputies working this assignment, in addition to their own directed enforcement of DWI and DUI laws, will support patrol functions throughout the county by processing DWI and DUI suspects found by other officers, allowing those personnel to return to their regular duties.

"We believe this program is worthwhile, since we not only take advantage of the efficiency this program brings to our operations in addition to making our roadways safer for drivers," said Poor.

The program kicks off August 21st and extends through the coming Labor Day holiday, ending September 7th.

Sheriff Poor joins other law enforcement officers throughout the nation in asking drivers to be particularly cautious during the coming Spring Break period.

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