Press Release

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Subject:  Joplin Police Department Post DWI checkpoint results

On Saturday November 17, 2012 the Joplin Police Department along with members of the Southwest Missouri DWI Taskforce and the support of MADD hosted a DWI checkpoint at the intersection of Newman and Range Line.

The goals of the checkpoint were to:
   1. Detect and apprehend impaired drivers
   2. Raise Awareness to the dangers of Driving while intoxicated or impaired.
   3. Encourage people to plan events and alternate transportation accordingly.

The check point was in service from 9:55 pm to 2:00 am. Sunday morning

1245 drivers were contacted
14 field sobriety test were conducted on subjects that stated they had been drinking
3-DWI’s
29-total tickets
46-warning
1-marijuana
1-paraphernalia
7-total arrests

This checkpoint was funded through a grant provided by the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety Division.

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