

# JOPLIN

# POLICE

## Press Release



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**Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.**

**The Joplin Police Department is joining other agencies and “Cracking Down on Impaired Drivers Fourth of July Weekend.”**

The sobering fact is that impaired driving contributes to nearly 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities. In 2012, 244 people were killed and 885 seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver. That’s why Joplin Police will join other Missouri law enforcement agencies to crack down on drunk driving July 3-7, 2013.

Joplin Police will participated in statewide sobriety checkpoints and DWI saturations patrols enforcing Missouri’s DWI laws and keeping impaired drivers off the road.

Consequences of drunk driving include jail time, loss of their driver’s license, or being sentenced to use ignition interlocks. Insurance rates go up. Other financial hits include attorney fees, court cost, lost time at work, and the potential loss or job or job prospects. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators can also face tremendous personal embarrassment and humiliation.

“Driving drunk is simply not worth all consequences” stated Sergeant Rusty Rives. “The message is simple: Drive Sober or Get pulled Over.”

