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NEWS RELEASE

Local Law Enforcement Receive OWI Grant

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and local law enforcement partners have launched the Zero In Wisconsin campaign to help save lives and reduce the number of traffic deaths annually in Wisconsin.

In Wisconsin, our ZERO VISION means that any preventable traffic death is one too many. By staying within the speed limit, being sober behind the wheel, and buckling up, you can do simple things that can turn nearly 500 annual deaths into zero.

Sheboygan County Law Enforcement agencies received a traffic enforcement grant from the Bureau of Transportation Safety to increase education, prevention and enforcement of OWI and other traffic violations. The grant is in effect till September 30, 2017. Special enforcement task forces will target problem areas in the county and deployments will be scheduled occasionally until the grant expires. There will also be increased enforcement during the "Drive Sober" and "Click it or Ticket" national campaigns.

Officers and Deputies from local law enforcement agencies will be working together on the night of March 17th enforcing OWI and other traffic laws. Leading up to this special deployment and during officers of the Sheboygan Police Department will be making contact at their local taverns reminding bartenders to encourage both responsible serving and consumption of alcohol.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 588 people died on Wisconsin roads in 2016. Some deaths were caused by speeding while others were a result of drunk driving, or not wearing a seat belt. Tragically, these deaths affect many lives and cause great pain to thousands of people throughout Wisconsin. Fortunately, we can all help change that number.
