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The Lakeland Police Department

From: Sergeant Terri Smith, PIO

Re: Lakeland Police Plan DUI Saturation Patrols and Checkpoints During St. Patrick's Day Holiday

The Lakeland Police DUI Enforcement Unit will be conducting saturation patrols on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, from 4:00 PM to 4:00 AM. The saturation patrols will take place throughout the city. In addition, two checkpoints will be conducted in the 4400 block of Old Road 37 and the 800 block of Alamo Drive.

These operations are scheduled to reduce impaired driving and traffic fatalities during the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

These efforts are part of the Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest program sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation. Police hope that by announcing these patrols people will think twice about drinking and driving. The Lakeland Police Department would like to encourage people who choose to drink to use a designated driver, public transportation, or taxi for transportation. Those drivers that observe an impair driver are encouraged to call 91 to report this serious offense. Alcohol or drug impaired driving kills and injures thousands of innocent people a year and is a totally preventable crime.

So remember, if you are Over the Limit, you will be Under Arrest.

Media inquiries should be directed to Sergeant Terri Smith, PIO, 863.834.6917.

This information also posted on www.lpdonlinenews.com.

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