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Special enforcement effort gets drunk drivers off roads

Texas Highway Patrol troopers arrested 1,406 intoxicated drivers during a special July 4th holiday enforcement program from June 27 through July 6 across the state.

Of the 1406 arrests, 575 were made by troopers whose patrols were funded through a special Texas Department of Transportation grant. Troopers focused on looking for intoxicated drivers in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes occur most often.

“With the additional grant funding, our troopers stayed on the roads longer and made more arrests. I’m certain that we prevented some potentially serious crashes by putting intoxicated drivers in jail,” said Chief David G. Baker, Assistant Director for the Highway Patrol.

The next special enforcement period is planned for the Labor Day holiday, when DPS will again provide additional trooper patrols to enhance public safety.

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