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Highway Patrol looking for drunk drivers during Labor Day holiday

All available Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be out on Texas roadways from Friday through Monday night during the Labor Day holiday, looking for impaired drivers, occupant safety violators and speeders. The increased enforcement is part of a program that places focused DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. These extra patrols are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

“If you are driving and found to be impaired, you will be arrested,” said Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven C. McCraw.

Last year, troopers arrested 718 people for DWI during the Labor Day holiday. Troopers also wrote 12,065 speeding citations; 2,056 seat belt/child restraint tickets; and 1,943 no insurance citations.

During the Labor Day holiday, DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE—Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities during holidays.

Texans who have had too much to drink can find transportation options for getting home on this website: <http://www.texasdwi.org/>.

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