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Special enforcement effort gets drunk drivers off roads

Texas Highway Patrol troopers arrested 2,033 intoxicated drivers during a special Labor Day holiday enforcement program from August 19 through September 6.

Of the 2,033 arrests, 550 were made by Troopers whose patrols were funded by 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.

During the last four special enforcement periods, 1,947 intoxicated drivers were arrested by Troopers working on overtime paid for by the TxDOT grants.

“By keeping our Troopers on the roadways longer, we were able to get additional drunk drivers off the road and in doing so saved lives or prevented serious crashes,” said Chief Luis Gonzalez, Assistant Director/Chief of the Highway Patrol Division.

The next special impaired driving mobilization is set for the Christmas/New Year holiday period, as the program enters its second year.

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