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"Drink, Drive, Go to Jail"

The Tomball Police Department is reminding the community, "If you drink and drive during the upcoming Labor Day holiday, you're asking for trouble. Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>, thousands of law enforcement officers in Texas will be stepping up enforcement of the state's <u>Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) laws</u>.

As Texans get ready to enjoy the last holiday of the summer season, Texas Department of Transportation expects a significant increase in the number of motorists on Texas roads and highways. Statistics indicate that an increase in overall traffic results in an increase in alcohol-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The Tomball Police Department is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement organizations statewide to get drunk drivers off the road. "Driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs has serious and often fatal consequences", says Anthony Solomon, Patrol Lieutenant, Tomball Police Department. "Those who get caught driving drunk or impaired by drugs should know that the Tomball Police Department along with County and State Police Agencies are looking for you."

Harris County leads the Nation in DWI deaths. To take proactive measures against this offense, the Tomball Police Department will be participating in the National campaign, "Drive Drunk Go to Jail", by stepping up our DWI enforcement over the holiday weekend.

During this Holiday weekend we encourage you, the citizens to help us make the roadways safe. If you spot an impaired driver please call 9-1-1 and report it to the local Police. The Tomball Police Department is striving to make this Labor Day weekend safe for all who choose to travel our roadways.