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Metro Denver DUI Task Force Targeting Drunk Drivers on Halloween Night

On Halloween night, Friday, October 31, 2008, eight metro area law enforcement agencies will work together as part of their ongoing commitment to make our streets safer by targeting drivers under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Approximately 40 members from the Metro Denver DUI Task Force will concentrate their efforts in Denver, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Working together through an established multi-agency agreement, police officers, deputy sheriffs and Colorado State Troopers will patrol the South Parker Road corridor from Denver south into Unincorporated Douglas County as a cohesive unit, looking for intoxicated motorists. Uniformed officers from Arapahoe County, Aurora, the Colorado State Patrol, Denver, Douglas County, Jefferson County, Parker and Wheat Ridge, will be highly visible as they work together to reduce drunk driving and promote public safety. Deputy District Attorneys from the 1st, 2nd, 17th and 18th judicial districts will prosecute cases initiated by the task force, ensuring a comprehensive team approach.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 41 percent of all highway fatalities across the nation on Halloween night involved a driver or motorcycle operator with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

For further information, please contact Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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