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SCSO Conducts Two Sobriety Roadside Checkpoints

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will conduct two Sobriety Checkpoints on **Friday, February 01, 2013** to enforce the "*More Cops, More Stops*" initiative. The first checkpoint will be conducted at **Riverdale and Holmes from 8:30p - 10:30pm** and the second will be at **Hacks Cross and Holmes from 11:00p - 1:00am** in Shelby County.

Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than **16,000** people and injures 305,000 others every year in the United States.

Twenty-seven percent of those killed in motor vehicle crashes on Tennessee's highways during 2011 involved drivers or motorcycle operators with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 (the legal limit) or above at the time of their deadly crash. Teens and young adults are particularly at risk. In 2011, 35 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in Tennessee involved a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher that is simply unacceptable. Drunk driving is deadly and will not be tolerated.

Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment. Officers will target those who operate a vehicle while impaired and take corrective actions for other violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

This checkpoint will be 100% funded with federal grant dollars in the amount of \$200,000. This project is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office.