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**SCSO, Germantown PD Conduct Two Sobriety Roadside Checkpoints**

. The **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** will be teaming up with the **Germantown Police Department** to continue to combat impaired driving on Shelby County roadways. They will conduct two Sobriety Checkpoints within Germantown city limits on **Friday, February 15, 2013**.

The first checkpoint will be conducted at **Poplar/Kirby from 11:00pm - 12:30am** and the second will be conducted at **Poplar/West from 1:30am - 3:00am** 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.**