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DUI Enforcement

Chief James Teare, Sr. announced today that the Anne Arundel County Police Department would be conducting increased DUI enforcement on Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th, 2008. Officers will be specifically assigned to DUI enforcement in the area of Pasadena. In 2007, the Pasadena area of the County accounted for 11.4 percent of all DUI arrests and 10.6 percent of all DUI related crashes.

Enforcement efforts will include DUI Checkpoints and Saturation Patrols in the area. The Department's seventeenth checkpoint will be conducted on April 4, 2008 at Mountain Rd. near Woods Rd. at 2100 hours and will support the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) "**Checkpoint Strike Force**" impaired driving interdiction initiative.

Historically, DUI checkpoints and increased patrols have been an effective strategy for removing drunk or drugged drivers from the road. Checkpoints are also an effective prevention tool by increasing the perception of risk for detection and arrest. During previous checkpoints in Anne Arundel County, **364** arrests for DUI and **103** arrests for drug offenses have been made, after making contact with the drivers of nearly **66,600** vehicles.

Checkpoints are an element of an overall strategy of prevention, education, and enforcement that emphasize a reduction in the number of alcohol-involved crashes, along with the injuries and deaths they cause.

Citizens observing vehicles operated by impaired drivers are encouraged to contact the police department at the non-emergency number: 410 222-8610. Please provide a description of the vehicle, tag number and direction of travel.

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