



NEWS RELEASE

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Punta Gorda Police Crack Down on Impaired Driving During National Enforcement Campaign

Beginning August 13th, Punta Gorda Police Officers have joined forces across the country in an aggressive effort to crack down on impaired driving. The national impaired driving enforcement campaign will last through month of August.

Did you know that impaired driving is one of America's most often committed and deadliest crimes? All 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have established a threshold making it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. Yet 10,228 people died in 2010 in traffic crashes in which at least one vehicle driver or motorcycle rider had a BAC of .08 or higher. But your enforcement efforts can help reduce the number of impaired drivers on the roads and save lives in 2014!



Chief Albert A. Arenal stated, "We want all of our residents and visitors to have a safe 2014. If you decide to drink alcohol, please have a designated driver."

This campaign, which ends on September 1, 2014, is an effort to get impaired drivers off the road, raise public awareness about the dangers of impaired driving, and most importantly, to save more lives on our roadways.

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