

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” begins this week**

Motorists throughout the state and right here at home, will notice a heightened law enforcement presence over the long July 4th holiday.

Officers will work overtime to save lives by enforcing Louisiana's DWI laws and removing impaired drivers from the roadways as part of a Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. The high visibility enforcement wave, June 30th through July 5th, is made possible by federal grants awarded by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. "Our officers pride themselves in the keeping our roadways safe from motorists who risk the lives of innocent persons and their families by choosing to drive impaired" Said Cpl Marcus Hines, Shreveport Police Department's Public Information Officer.

According to preliminary data, there were 374 fatal and injury crashes in Louisiana over the four-day July 4th holiday in 2014. These crashes injured 650 motorists and killed 10. Seven of the 10 fatalities were alcohol related. Driving while intoxicated is a serious offense in Louisiana, with a first-offense arrest costing thousands of dollars in fines, court costs, attorney fees and even jail time. An adult driver is legally intoxicated in Louisiana if his or her blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is .08 or higher. The limit for drivers under 21 is .02 BAC. Please enjoy your weekend responsibly.

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