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Subject: Driving While Impaired Traffic Safety Efforts Lead to 18 Arrests

Clay County Safe and Sober Initiative member law enforcement agencies were among nearly 400 agencies who recently participated in a statewide, end-of-summer DWI enforcement effort conducted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Aug. 21 – Sept. 7. This effort resulted locally in 18 DWI Arrests, and the administrative seizure 1 vehicle for a repeat DWI Offender.

In addition to DWI enforcement during the campaign, Clay County Agencies also issued 28 seat belt citations under Minnesota's new primary seat belt law. Under this law officers can stop motorists solely for seat belt violations, including unbelted passengers.

During 2006–2008, 519 motorists were killed and another 1,159 motorists were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes statewide. During that same time period 116,515 motorists were arrested for DWI — 35,736 in 2008.

The enforcement and education effort is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is a component of the state's *Toward Zero Deaths* traffic safety program. *TZD* is an interdisciplinary approach to address traffic issues

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regionally through enforcement, education, engineering and emergency trauma care.

The county wide Safe and Sober Traffic Safety Initiative is a joint effort of the following Clay County Law Enforcement Agencies:

- Dilworth Police Department
- Glyndon Police Department
- Hawley Police Department
- Moorhead Police Department
- Clay County Sheriff's Office

Drunk Driving — Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

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