

**AUGUST/LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN  
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**[Law Enforcement Agency] August/Labor Day Crackdown on  
Drunk Driving**

**[Law Enforcement Agency]** arrested **[number]** impaired drivers over the August 18 – September 4 national crackdown on impaired drivers. Drunk driving is one of America’s deadliest crimes. In fact, during 2005 nearly 13,000 people were killed in highway crashes involving an impaired driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

“The overtime and efforts contributed by our dedicated law enforcement officers has made our community roads and highways safer by cracking down on impaired drivers,” said **[Law Enforcement Official]**. The injuries and deaths resulting from traffic crashes involving impaired drivers are preventable and the use of **[sobriety checkpoints or saturation patrols]** is a way to reduce these tragic crimes.”

“Make no mistake. Our message was simple. No matter what you drive – a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle – when we caught someone driving impaired, they were arrested. No exceptions. No excuses,” said **[Local Law Enforcement Leader]**.

In 2005, after two years of slight declines, 16,885 people died in alcohol-related crashes. Moreover, according to the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report, more than 1.4 million people were arrested for driving under the influence during 2004.

“Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant,” said **[Law Enforcement Official]**. “Even though the national crackdown is over, we will continue to work diligently to make roads and highways safer by looking for and locking up impaired drivers!”

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