

NEWS RELEASE

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Date: **Tuesday, August 25, 2009**
Subject: **DUI CHECKPOINT & SATURATION PATROLS**
Operation: "**DRUNK DRIVING. OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST**"



The Miami Police Department will be conducting a DUI checkpoint and Saturation Patrol on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the vicinity of the NE 3 Court and 79 Street. This checkpoint will take place in the City of Miami's Little Haiti NET Service area. The checkpoint will be conducted during the hours of 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM. The goal of this checkpoint is to identify and apprehend impaired drivers before they can kill or injure others. This checkpoint is part of the national "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest", crackdown which is led by NHTSA and combines high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

America is facing an impaired-driving crisis and the problem is especially acute during the summer months. That's why the Miami Police Department is joining forces along with other law enforcement agencies throughout the country in support of an intensive crackdown on impaired driving from August 21–September 7, 2009. "All too often, innocent, law-abiding people suffer tragic consequences and the loss of loved ones due to this careless disregard for human life. Because we're committed to ending the carnage, we're intensifying enforcement during the crackdown. More than 10,000 police agencies will participate in this year's mid-August through Labor Day crackdown, including law enforcement officers representing every state, the District of Columbia, and many U.S. cities and towns. The Miami Police Department will be aggressively looking for all impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone they find driving while impaired — regardless of age, vehicle type, or time of day.

Members of the local media are invited and encouraged to support our effort by providing live news coverage at our DUI Checkpoint. For additional information, please call (305) 603-6525.

For more information on the **Florida Drunk Driving: Over the limit. Under Arrest** programs, and the Florida Click It or Ticket Program, visit their websites at www.StopImpairedDriving.org and www.clickitfla.com.

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