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La Porte County Sobriety Checkpoints Results

During the evening hours of August 29th, 2014, members of the La Porte County DUI Task Force and a Sergeant from the Indiana State Police, Lowell District, conducted three sobriety checkpoints. The goal of the sobriety checkpoints were to deter impaired driving and remove impaired drivers from the roadways. The sobriety checkpoints were conducted at three separate locations within the city limits of La Porte. The locations of the sobriety checkpoints were selected after review of alcohol related crash data, impaired driving arrest data and officer safety.

The following are the totals/results of the three sobriety checkpoints:

- 210 vehicles stopped in the sobriety checkpoints
- 1 Operating While Intoxicated Arrest
- 3 citations
- 12 warnings

At the same time the three sobriety checkpoints were being conducted and near the area, one La Porte City Police Officer, one La Porte County Sheriff's Office Deputy and three Indiana State Police Troopers from the Lowell District, conducted saturation/roving patrols. Their combined saturation/roving patrol totals resulted in 12 citations being issued. Included in those citation totals were 1 operating while intoxicated arrest, 1 non-custodial arrest for driving while suspended, prior violation, and 1 non-custodial arrest for never receiving a license. Also, the saturation/roving patrol officer, deputy and troopers issued a total of 41 warnings.

The La Porte County DUI Task Force is comprised of police officers from the Michigan City and La Porte Police Departments, along with deputies from the La Porte County Sheriff's Office. The La Porte County DUI Task Force is a grant project that is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is administered and monitored by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

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