

## MERRIMACK COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

### **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT - *MEDIA RELEASE***

**Pembroke, NH** - As a result of the increasing incidents of drinking and driving, the Pembroke Police Department in cooperation with the Allenstown Police Department, Concord Police Department, Pittsfield Police Department, Epsom Police Department, Chichester Police Department and the NH Liquor Commission, Division of Enforcement applied for, and was granted, an order from the Merrimack County Superior Court to conduct a **Sobriety Checkpoint**. The "**Sobriety Checkpoint**" is the most effective method of detecting and apprehending the impaired operator.

The program, approved by the NH Highway Safety Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, provides federal highway safety funds to support these checkpoints, which will be conducted in Pembroke.

A review of records has shown that the use of alcohol by individuals who operator motor vehicles has resulted in an alarming number of deaths and personal injury accidents. Therefore, in an effort to maintain safe roads in Pembroke, the Merrimack County DUI Task Force will be conducting a **Sobriety Checkpoints** in the Pembroke area during the weekend of August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The purpose of the **Sobriety Checkpoints** is to detect and apprehend the impaired driver. Pembroke Police Scott Lane and the member agencies of the Merrimack County DWI Task Force have taken an aggressive stance to prevent persons from driving while impaired. New Hampshire has some of the most aggressive laws in the country to fight the impaired driver and the law enforcement community will use those tools to their full extent.

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