'Over the Limit, Under Arrest' Drunk Driving Crackdown Starts Now

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As part of a national campaign to crack down on drunk driving and prevent DUI-related car accidents, the Huntsville PD is setting up impaired driving checkpoints starting today and going through Labor Day, September 6.

Huntsville PD and the North Alabama Traffic Safety Office are organizing the campaign in connection with the national "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" campaign through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The event occurs every Labor Day and on other holidays with a high incidence of <u>drunk-driving accidents</u>.

Some of the DUI checkpoints have been announced ahead of time, while others will not be announced. Officers from Huntsville, Madison County and the Georgia Highway Patrol will be stopping drivers to check for drug or alcohol impairment. They will also check for valid driver's licenses, proof of insurance and other citable safety violations.

Announced DUI Checkpoints Around Huntsville

Not all of the drunk-driving checkpoints will be announced. According to the Huntsville Times, police have announced nine of their planned DUI checkpoints:

- Drake Avenue at Jordan Lane
- University Drive at Memorial Parkway
- Bob Wallace Avenue
- Bailey Cove Road
- Andrew Jackson Way

- Sparkman Drive
- Pulaski Pike
- Winchester Road
- Moores Mill Road

Because they are set up as a general sweep in an organized effort to reduce drunk driving and <u>car</u> <u>accidents</u>, police can pull over any driver at a DUI checkpoint, regardless of whether that driver is seen committing a traffic offense.

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"Over the Limit, Under Arrest: Police announce drunk driving checkpoint campaign" (The Huntsville Times, August 20, 2010)