

Holiday Enforcement Project



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I. 2005 YEAR- END IMPAIRED DRIVING CRACKDOWN



The end-of-year holiday period is traditionally a time of festive celebrations. Unfortunately, it is also traditionally a time of year when an increase in impaired driving is noted on our roads and highways. Tremendous strides have been made in New Jersey in the last two decades in the effort to reduce impaired driving. In fact, the rate of alcohol-related fatalities in New Jersey remains below the national average. However, those that choose to get behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs continue to cause carnage on a daily basis, despite concerted enforcement and educational efforts.

The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic decided to undertake an end-of-year, holiday season impaired driving enforcement crackdown during the December 2005/January 2006 holiday season. It was hoped that the campaign would raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving during the critical holiday season, while also building on the momentum of the statewide You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Crackdown. During that campaign in August/September, 2005, 382 law enforcement agencies in the state participated and made more than 1,500 DWI arrests during the two-week period.

It was decided that the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown would focus on the top four counties for alcohol-related fatalities in NJDHTS Region II (Central) and Region III (North) which are: Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth counties.

County and local police agencies in the four participating counties were contacted and asked to partner with the Division in the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown. The agencies were asked to carry out impaired driving roving patrols and checkpoints between the period of December 5, 2005 to January 4, 2006. Letters were sent to all police agencies in the four counties explaining the campaign, and reporting forms were provided for the departments to track and submit their activity.

In addition, grant funding was made available to ten police departments in each of the four counties (40 grants total). Each grant was for \$5,000, with a breakdown of 100 hours of enforcement at the flat rate of \$50 per hour. The grant funding was to be utilized by the departments for overtime impaired driving roving patrols and checkpoints.

The police departments that were offered grant funding were selected by the Region Supervisors

of the North and Central Regions, respectively. The grants were offered to departments based on participation and results from the last two impaired driving campaigns (Holiday 2004 Crackdown and Statewide 2005 Crackdown).

During November, 2005, contact was made with all police agencies in the four participating counties, urging participation in the campaign in either a funded or non-funded capacity. 40 grant-funded departments ultimately were selected and the agencies received signed Letters of Intent for the program in advance of the December 5, 2005 implementation.

The primary goals of the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown were three-fold:

1. To galvanize the law enforcement community in Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth counties for maximum participation in the campaign.
2. To raise awareness among the motoring public about the dangers of drinking and driving through high visibility enforcement and media activities.
3. To build on the strong showing and resulting momentum from the You Drink and Drive, You Lose Statewide 2005 Crackdown.

II. Background

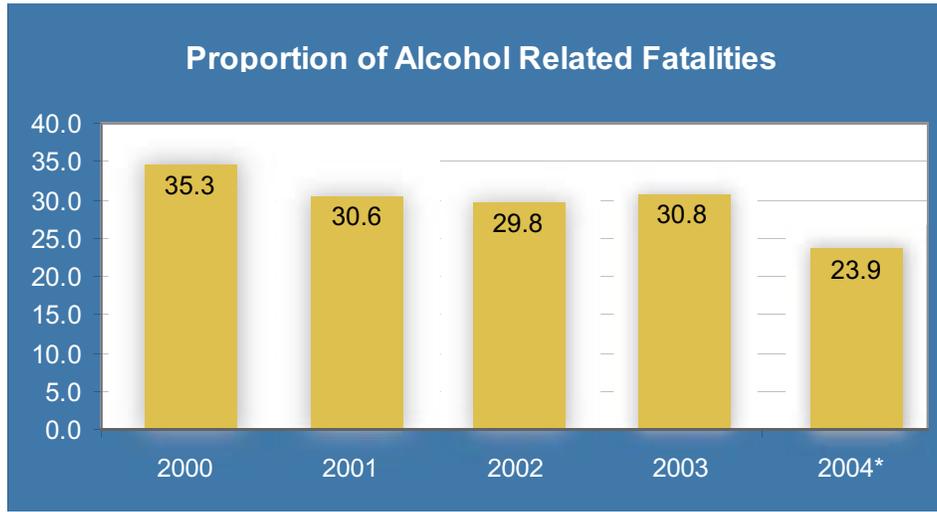
Nationally, nearly 17,000 people died in impaired driving-related highway crashes during 2004. Also, the national alcohol-related fatality rate rises each year by approximately 10% during the December holiday season. Clearly the end-of-year period is a time of increased impaired driving and the need exists for greater enforcement and education during this time period.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three- in-every-ten Americans will be involved in an impaired driving crash at some point in their lives. Additionally, 97% of respondents to a survey believe impaired driving represents a real danger to themselves and their family.

Every police agency in the four New Jersey counties (Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth) was asked to participate in the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown on either a funded or non-funded basis. Based on available funding levels, approximately 40 departments were offered You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown grants to support efforts locally. Along with the letters of invitation, grant packets, and educational materials, each department received a crackdown enforcement reporting form to be filled out and returned by January 13, 2006

Agencies that received You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown grants were awarded \$5,000, which provided funding for 100 hours of enforcement overtime during the crackdown period. The funding was to be utilized by the grantees for DWI checkpoints and/or roving patrols.

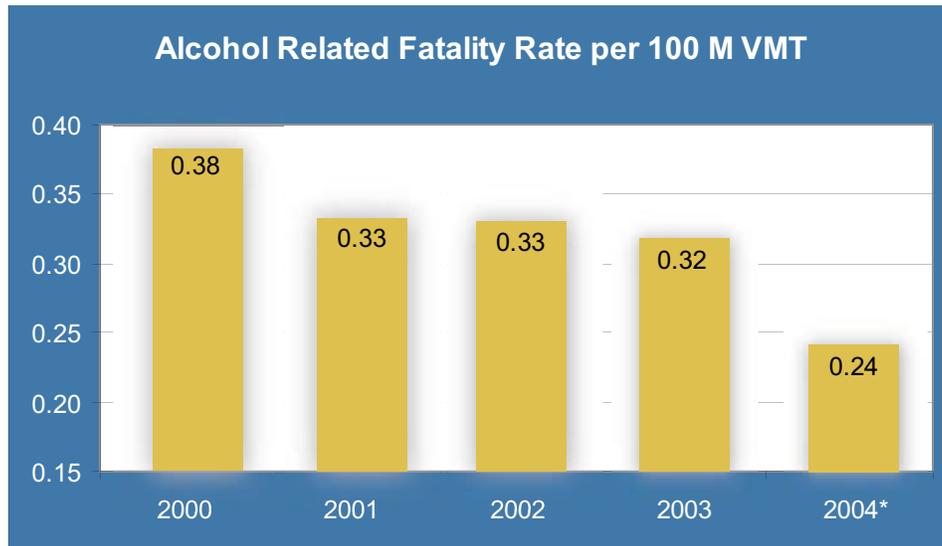
Impaired Driving in New Jersey: The Data



* Partial Year Data

Fatalities During Holidays (Christmas & New Year)

2003	8 (Alcohol Related unknown)
2004	20 (Alcohol Related 8)
2005	10 (Alcohol Related unknown)

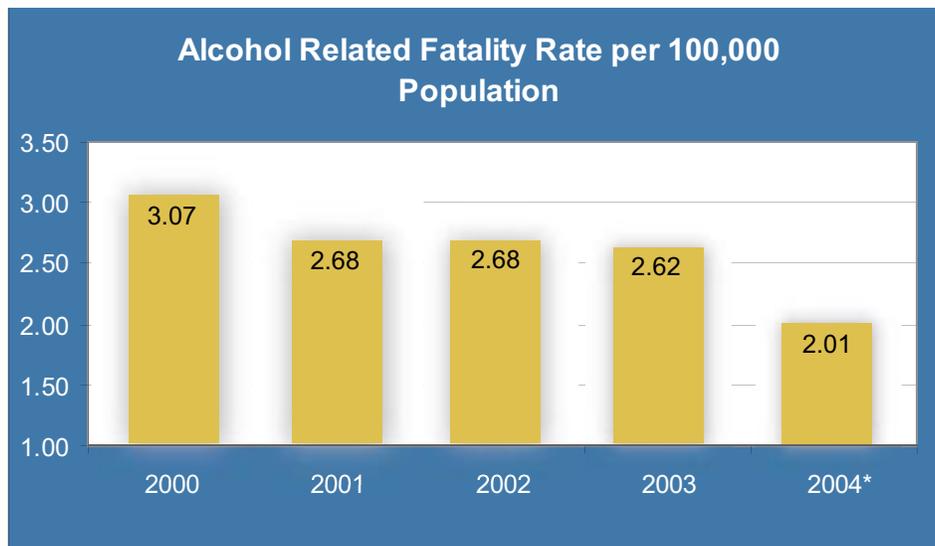


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You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Holiday Enforcement Project

Alcohol – Related Fatalities by County/Year												
County Names	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	Total
Atlantic	15	17	20	18	12	9	18	19	17	16	18	179
Bergen	18	14	16	22	12	20	12	12	21	12	9	168
Burlington	22	19	11	13	18	18	16	14	17	15	16	179
Camden	15	12	20	21	15	17	22	17	12	12	11	174
Cape May	2	9	4	3	4	5	5	6	3	8	5	54
Cumberland	12	7	5	6	12	15	12	5	6	11	6	97
Essex	19	27	21	22	21	22	24	12	20	8	2	198
Gloucester	16	18	11	12	9	6	19	13	8	10	6	128
Hudson	9	9	8	15	16	7	11	10	9	12	3	109
Hunterdon	5	6	6	2	2	3	4	2	4	1	0	35
Mercer	8	7	9	4	10	7	9	9	6	9	8	86
Middlesex	17	14	16	20	14	20	23	17	22	28	17	208
Monmouth	9	18	14	21	17	18	19	10	16	17	17	176
Morris	9	11	11	7	9	9	4	13	8	4	9	94
Ocean	23	7	11	9	11	10	14	20	12	12	12	141
Passaic	9	4	9	10	6	8	9	12	13	7	4	91
Salem	9	4	6	3	4	7	7	2	4	6	6	58
Somerset	3	11	11	9	5	5	5	8	11	4	5	77
Sussex	5	7	5	4	4	6	5	6	5	7	6	60
Union	6	14	11	8	5	11	16	20	11	24	12	138
Warren	2	5	2	5	3	3	4	1	5	3	3	36
	233	240	227	234	209	226	258	228	230	226	175	2,486

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III. The Results

When all reporting forms and data were tabulated, it was determined that an increased number of police agencies participated in the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown as compared to the same program in 2004. In total, **124 police agencies** from the four counties took part in the campaign and made **437 DWI arrests**.

You Drink and Drive You Lose Year-End Crackdown Participation by Year	
2003:	55
2004:	76
2005:	124

You Drink and Drive You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown Participation by County		
Bergen County	70 participants	0 non-participants
Essex County	20 participants	2 non-participants
Middlesex County	15 participants	9 non-participants
Monmouth County	19 participants	31 non-participants

Results of the You Drink and Drive You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown 124 Participating agencies
437 DWI arrests
2,808 Speeding Summonses
1,370 Seat Belt Summonses
14,838 Other Citations

You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown Police Agencies Reporting 10 or more DWI Arrests	
Agency	DWI arrests
East Brunswick	28
Plainsboro	21
Ridgefield Park	18
Ridgewood	18
Leonia	14
Brielle	12
East Rutherford	12
Garfield	12
Lacey	12
Piscataway	11
Woodbridge	10

IV. Raising Awareness



As with previous enforcement campaigns undertaken by the Division, the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown was supported by a media component designed to raise awareness about the campaign and educate drivers about the dangers of impaired driving. A primary mission of the Division is to make positive changes in people's driving habits to reduce crashes. Enforcement and media campaigns go hand-in-hand in achieving this goal.



A news release was issued by the Division on November 23, 2005 announcing the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown. The release contained information on the enforcement campaign, a list of grant-receiving police agencies, and safety tips for drivers. The news releases generated numerous stories statewide in newspapers, radio, and television.



Participating police agencies were also provided a sample press release. Many of the departments issued news releases about the program to their local newspapers resulting in printed stories, some of which follow.

Thousands of radio listeners in New Jersey heard the You Drink and Drive, You Lose message courtesy of radio announcements produced by the Division and aired during the campaign. The announcements ran repeatedly on every New Jersey radio station as part of the Division's ongoing partnership with the New Jersey Broadcasters Association.

It is clear that these awareness-raising activities helped bring the message of the dangers of impaired driving to residents across the state.

V. Conclusions

During the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown, the police community of New Jersey once again rose to the occasion. Strong participation was noted among police agencies in each of the four target counties. The campaign can be deemed a success by virtue of the fact that overall participation increased by 63% as compared to 2004. (124 participants in 2005 vs. 76 in 2004.)

In reflecting back on the three primary goals of the campaign, it seems safe to conclude that the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Holiday Enforcement Project successfully met its objectives:

1. *To galvanize the law enforcement community in Bergen, Essex, Middlesex and Monmouth counties for maximum participation in the campaign.*

Participation in the campaign was strong. A total of **124** police agencies took part in the effort and returned a reporting form to the Division. Involvement included agencies that received grant funding as well as many that did not.

2. *To raise awareness among the motoring public about the dangers of drinking and driving through highly visible enforcement and media activities.*

In programs such as this, awareness among the motoring public is raised in two ways; through visible enforcement as well as through media outreach and coverage. The strong participation by the police agencies in the four counties clearly resulted in a greatly increased impaired driving enforcement presence during the critical holiday period, which could not possibly have gone unnoticed by motorists. From the standpoint of raising awareness, the campaign was extensively covered in newspaper, radio, and television, further reinforcing this important message.

3. *To build on the momentum and strong showing from the You Drink and Drive, You Lose Statewide 2005 Crackdown.*

The results of the campaign in the four counties seem to indicate that support remains strong in the law enforcement community for the Division's traffic safety campaigns. The issue of impaired driving remains a crucial traffic safety concern in the state, and the passage of time does not diminish the willingness of law enforcement to put in the extra effort to keep our roadways free of impaired drivers.

The Division of Highway Traffic Safety looks forward to continuing its partnership with law enforcement on this and other important traffic safety issues in the months and years ahead.

You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Holiday Enforcement Project

Agency	DWI Arrests	Refusal to Submit	Breath Test Only	Open Container	Traffic Signal	Speeding	Seat Belt	Child Restraint	Equip.	Other Moving	Other Non-Moving
BERGEN											
Allendale Police Department	1	0	1	2	0	8	4	0	13	9	36
Alpine Police Department	1	0	0	0	10	45	0	0	17	16	11
Bergen County Police	4	0	0	2	162	322	271	3	1,491	461	542
Bergenfield Police Department	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	2	0
Bogota Police Department	8	2	0	2	16	10	0	0	23	28	80
Carlstadt Police Department	2	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	3	18	62
Cliffside Park Police Department	1	0	1	0	4	30	12	2	25	26	35
Closter Police Department	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	6	11
Cresskill Police Department	2	0	1	1	3	10	15	1	8	7	30
Demarest Police Department	0	0	0	2	5	7	0	0	17	18	14
Dumont Police Department	2	0	2	2	6	13	33	0	64	38	36
East Rutherford Police Department	12	2	10	2	3	8	5	3	1	9	3
Edgewater Police Department	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Elmwood Park Police Department	1	0	0	0	22	46	31	0	27	67	105
Emerson Police Department	6	1	5	0	5	30	4	0	22	41	44
Englewood Police Department	3	0	3	1	3	51	5	0	28	62	60
Englewood Cliffs Police Department	0	0	0	0	6	8	1	0	8	23	25
Fairlawn Police Department	2	0	0	2	2	4	8	0	32	16	32
Fairview Police Department	3	2	1	4	7	0	8	1	22	49	24
Fort Lee Police Department	7	2	0	0	3	15	9	0	27	286	209
Franklin Lakes Police Department	3	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	3	4	0
Garfield Police Department	12	0	0	0	0	43	26	0	0	37	61
Glen Rock Police Department	0	0	0	0	2	13	6	0	24	133	0
Hackensack Police Department	7	2	5	0	23	12	9	0	8	29	25
Harrington Park Police Department	0	0	0	0	0	26	14	0	0	12	18
Hasbrouck Heights Police Dept.	1	1	0	0	3	4	1	0	3	13	2
Haworth Police Department	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	5	4	12
Hillsdale Police Department	5	1	4	2	1	2	4	0	4	17	21
Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department	3	1	2	0	2	42	11	2	40	21	16
Leonia Police Department	14	1	13	0	14	31	21	0	20	42	165
Little Ferry Police Department	3	1	0	1	10	15	30	1	25	56	155
Lodi Police Department	5	1	4	0	4	23	12	0	15	43	29
Lyndhurst Police Department	2	1	0	1	3	12	15	0	20	43	18
Mahwah Police Department	2	0	0	0	0	33	4	1	10	13	7
Maywood Police Department	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	43	74	166
Midland Park Police Department	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Montvale Police Department	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	5	5
Moonachie Police Department	0	0	0	0	6	7	6	0	12	12	29
New Milford Police Department	2	0	2	0	2	1	3	1	6	20	108
North Arlington Police Department	1	1	0	0	2	2	6	0	32	27	28
Northvale Police Department	5	2	3	2	6	12	2	0	28	32	10
Norwood Police Department	1	0	1	0	0	10	3	0	2	13	22
Oakland Police Department	2	1	1	0	5	40	4	0	7	5	17
Old Tappan Police Department	1	0	0	0	4	6	2	0	9	6	10
Oradell Police Department	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	3	3
Palisades Park Police Department	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	5	7	0
Palisades Interstate Parkway	6	1	2	6	0	525	49	0	109	319	305
Paramus Police Department	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	5	5
Park Ridge Police Department	3	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	22	0
Ramsey Police Department	4	0	4	0	12	9	3	0	2	11	52
Ridgefield Police Department	1	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	2	2	6
Ridgefield Park Police Department	18	2	0	0	7	2	0	2	0	63	102

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Ridgewood Police Department	18	2	0	1	8	63	8	0	4	28	37
River Edge Police Department	2	0	3	0	21	134	3	0	5	23	6
River Vale Police Department	3	1	0	1	0	6	1	2	7	8	10
Rochelle Park Police Department	0	0	0	0	7	0	8	0	6	70	21
Rutherford Police Department	1	0	1	0	4	7	12	1	23	35	4
Saddle Brook Police Department	1	0	0	2	7	5	6	0	12	19	5
Saddle River Police Department	2	0	0	2	5	21	15	0	24	10	32
South Hackensack Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	9	12
Teaneck Police Department	2	0	0	2	65	106	50	3	98	191	598
Tenafly Police Department	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Upper Saddle River Police Dept.	0	0	0	0	2	15	1	0	20	27	13
Waldwick Police Department	7	0	0	0	0	30	8	0	5	0	35
Wallington Police Department	4	2	0	0	3	12	2	1	22	48	18
Washington Police Department	0	0	0	0	0	15	10	1	2	9	14
Westwood Police Department	4	0	0	1	6	18	7	0	22	40	36
Woodcliff Lake Police Department	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	1
Wood-Ridge Police Department	0	0	0	1	1	8	4	1	15	10	26
Wyckoff Police Department	2	0	0	0	4	12	4	0	13	16	30
TOTAL	213	35	75	44	510	1996	801	26	2551	2826	3654

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ESSEX											
Belleville Police Department	6	0	6	0	0	0	19	1	31	25	5
Bloomfield Police Department	4	0	3	0	34	10	15	0	3	81	10
Caldwell Police Department	5	1	4	0	3	22	12	0	29	40	38
Cedar Grove Police Department	3	3	0	0	4	10	2	0	15	6	21
Essex Fells Police Department	4	0	4	0	0	12	7	0	17	8	44
Fairfield Police Department	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	3	5	11
Glen Ridge Police Department	1	0	1	1	4	19	22	0	7	11	45
Irvington Police Department	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Livingston Police Department	0	0	0	0	12	5	7	0	33	59	77
Maplewood Police Department	3	0	3	2	9	29	27	0	47	101	80
Millburn Police Department	1	0	1	0	3	1	86	0	1	6	13
Montclair Police Department	6	0	6	1	2	3	14	1	27	46	38
Newark Police Department	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	8	39	3
North Caldwell Police Department	2	0	2	0	1	13	4	0	3	14	20
Nutley Police Department	4	0	0	0	4	43	44	1	33	34	39
Roseland Police Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Orange Police Department	5	1	4	1	0	0	4	1	13	5	1
Verona Police Department	1	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	6	49	0
West Caldwell Police Department	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
West Orange Police Department	6	1	0	1	17	21	14	1	12	15	11
TOTAL	57	7	40	7	100	193	285	5	291	551	456

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MIDDLESEX											
East Brunswick Twp Police Dept	28	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	49	11
Edison Police Dept	1	1	0	0	10	12	0	0	26	29	21
Metuchen Police Dept	0	0	0	0	11	5	18	1	72	12	19
Middlesex Borough Police Dept	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	16	3	4
Monroe Twp Police Dept	1	0	0	1	2	5	6	1	7	12	16
New Brunswick Police Dept	7	0	0	3	18	40	31	2	124	778	19
North Brunswick Twp Police Dept	0	0	0	0	5	99	8	2	10	40	31
Perth Amboy Police Dept	0	0	0	0	1	20	2	0	14	33	6
Piscataway Twp Police Dept	11	1	0	2	3	1	13	0	32	21	0
Plainsboro Twp Police Dept	21	7	14	3	1	6	1	0	12	35	22
Sayreville Police Dept	2	1	1	1	16	13	25	0	24	41	16
South Brunswick Twp Police Dept	2	0	2	0	3	66	14	0	230	232	44
South River Police Department	5	2	1	1	0	1	3	0	28	15	6
Spotswood Police Dept	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Woodbridge Police Dept	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	90	18	28	11	71	283	122	6	595	1310	225

Agency	DWI Arrests	Refusal to Submit	Breath Test Only	Open Container	Traffic Signal	Speeding	Seat Belt	Child Restraint	Equip.	Other Moving	Other Non-Moving
MONMOUTH											
Atlantic Highlands Police Dept	6	1	6	3	37	74	26	0	36	118	119
Avon-By-The-Sea Police Dept	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	6	16	6
Belmar Police Dept	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	1
Colts Neck Twp Police Dept	12	0	11	2	0	1	2	0	2	10	2
Eatontown Police Dept	2	0	2	0	6	34	15	1	7	9	37
Freehold Twp Police Dept	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	12
Hazlet Police Dept	3	1	2	0	1	1	5	0	3	7	29
Holmdel Police Dept	3	1	2	6	1	5	7	0	13	10	9
Howell Twp Police Dept	5	0	3	2	0	10	26	0	8	29	52
Lacey Twp Police Dept	12	4	8	1	13	93	45	1	39	224	81
Little Silver Police Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Manalapan Twp Police Dept	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	10	2	12
Middletown Twp Police Dept	4	1	3	0	2	5	7		5	20	15
Monmouth Beach Police Dept	0	0	0	0	2	14	7	0	6	11	18
Neptune Twp Police Dept	1	1	1	2	11	49	10	0	66	35	38
Oceanport Police Dept	3	0	2	1	5	7	2	2	10	15	5
Old Bridge Twp Police Dept	5	0	0	0	0	28	2		1	15	3
Red Bank Police Dept	7	2	5	0	5	6	0	0	6	10	2
Spring Lake Heights Police Dept	5	3	2	0	1	5	2	0	1	13	7
TOTAL	77	16	47	19	88	336	162	4	220	554	448
Grand Total	437	76	190	81	769	2808	1370	41	3657	5241	4783

*Township of Plainsboro
County of Middlesex*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, impaired drivers on our nation's roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

WHEREAS, 37% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gathering which often include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout several counties to participate in the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Enforcement Project; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 5, 2005 - January 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Peter A. Cantu, Mayor of the Township of Plainsboro, hereby declare the Township's support for the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Enforcement Project from December 5, 2005 - January 4, 2006 and pledge to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.



Peter A. Cantu
Peter A. Cantu, Mayor

Keep the holidays peaceful

Police to motorists: we'll still be at work

BY MELISSA CIFELLI
of Belleville Times

Think before you drink this holiday season.

While many people will be busy with holiday parties and family gatherings, local police won't be taking a break from cracking down on drunk drivers.

Municipalities throughout Essex County, including Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley, will take part in the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown," which runs from Dec. 5 to Jan. 4.

The campaign includes increased roaming patrols and numerous DWI checkpoints.

According to the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 16,694 people nationwide died in alcohol-related crashes in 2004. And this year in New Jersey, 37 percent of motor vehicle fatalities were alcohol-related.

"We want people to be aware that we have zero-tolerance for drunk drivers," said Belleville

Police Lt. Gerard Campanella.

Along with the crackdown, the primary emphasis of the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign, Campanella said, is high police visibility, which may make drivers think twice before driving while intoxicated in the first place.

Campanella encourages residents to make arrangements ahead

of time, or stay overnight at a location. These precautions reduce the risk of drunk driving fatalities, Campanella said.

"Enjoy the holiday season," Campanella said. "Get a designated driver."

Meanwhile, Nutley Police Chief John Holland also encourages partygoers to report impaired drivers to law enforcement, and he warns not to risk driving impaired, as offenders will be caught. Police departments, he said, are serious about this crackdown.

From July 2004 to June 2005, there were 38 DWI summonses and 26 DWI convictions in Nutley alone, according to traffic safety coordinator Jack Barry.

In Bloomfield, this year's efforts will be felt with increased patrols.

"We're not trying to curtail parties during the holidays," said Bloomfield Police Lt. Robert Lipinski.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Area DUI crackdown yields arrests

BY MELISSA CIFELLI
of Belleville Times

January marked the end of the "You Drink You Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown" aimed at curtailing drunk driving during the holiday season.

The campaign, which ran from Dec. 5 to Jan. 4, included increased roaming patrols and numerous DWI checkpoints in municipalities throughout Essex County.

In Nutley, four arrests were made for DWI offenses while numerous other summonses for traffic, and speeding violations were issued. In Belleville, six DWI arrests were made with a total of 81 summonses issued for other traffic violations.

"Our patrol force did a real fine job this holiday," said Jack Barry, traffic safety coordinator for Nutley. And the number of accidents were down, which indicated that both the township's enforcement and safety programs are working, according to Barry.

And the success of Belleville's campaign can be credited to its smaller but increased checkpoints and roaming patrol. Belleville's four checkpoints, according to Lieut. Gerard Campanella, helped increase visibility as nearly 2,649 motorists passed through police road stops.

"Our main thing is not detection, it is prevention," Campanella said.

This year's campaign, according to Campanella, was highly publi-

cized, which may have made motorists think twice before getting into their cars. And the campaign was well received by both motorists and residents.

Launched in December 1999, as an initiative by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the campaign is a partnership of criminal justice and traffic safety that is implemented nationwide to prevent alcohol-related crashes and deaths.

The NHTSA estimates nearly 16,694 people nationwide died in alcohol related crashes in 2004. In New Jersey, 37 percent of motor vehicle fatalities were alcohol related. "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" campaigns are also held during the Labor Day holiday.

ELMWOOD PARK

Department stepping up patrols

DWI enforcement paying dividends for the borough

BY ALICIA NOLAN
Staff Writer

The Elmwood Park Police Department is stepping up impaired driving enforcement as part of the "You Drink You Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crack

Down."

According to Chief Don Ingrasselino, the end of the year is a traditional time for social gatherings with alcohol.

"The goal of the program is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through

high-visibility enforcement and to arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol," explained Ingrasselino.

The program has already started to produce results including the recent arrest of Doreen Generals of Peterson. Generals was pulled

over by Officer David Meyers on Dec. 27 at 9:22 p.m. for not having a working headlight. Upon approaching Generals' vehicle Meyers detected a strong odor of marijuana. Two bags of marijuana

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and a bag of crack cocaine were found in the car. Generals was charged with possession of crack cocaine and marijuana as well as driving while intoxicated.

Authorities added another arrest

brought in by the program was of Brian O'Brien of Oakland. O'Brien was arrested on Dec. 28 at 6:22 p.m. when police officers were dispatched to the intersection of River Drive and Broadway to tend to an automobile accident. O'Brien was in one of the cars involved in the accident and was observed by police officers as having "an odor

of alcoholic beverages emanating from his breath."

O'Brien was told to do field sobriety testing and had his car searched. He failed sobriety tests and police officers found marijuana roaches in his car. O'Brien blew a .16 percent on his Breathalyzer

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sion of a controlled and dangerous substance and driving while intoxicated.

Ingrasselino stressed the importance of responsibility when going

out for holiday celebrations.

"Don't risk it. You will be caught," he said. "The end of the year and New Year's celebrations are a time for fun with friends and family, not tragedy."

Law enforcement officers crack down on party-goers

Now through Jan. 4, 2006, law enforcement officers will be stepping up impaired driving enforcement as part of the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown."

The end of the year and the beginning of the new is traditionally a time for social gatherings, which often include alcohol. The goal of the program is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement, and to

arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs and alcohol.

Impaired drivers kill nearly 18,000 people on our nation's roads each year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose

2005 Year End Crackdown" offer the following advice:

- Be responsible and don't risk it ... you will be caught.
- If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out.
- Realize before going out that every drink you have makes it more difficult to know when you've had too much to drink.
- Take mass transit, a taxi-cab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where

the activity is held.

- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always buckle up — it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

"The end-of-the-year and New Year celebrations are a time for fun with friends and family, not tragedy," said Chief Joseph Rutigliano of the Wood-Ridge Police Department. "The law enforcement community and safety organizations of the state are committed to eliminating impaired driving from our roads."

Cops: Drive or drink, not both

BY MELISSA CIFELLI
Of Belleville Times

Think before you drink this holiday season.

While many people will be busy with holiday parties and family gatherings, local police won't be taking a break from cracking down on drunk drivers.

Municipalities throughout Essex County including Belleville, Nutley, and Bloomfield will take part in the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown", which runs from Dec. 5 to Jan. 4, 2006.

The campaign includes increased roaming patrols and numerous DWI checkpoints.

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ed crashes in 2004. And this year in New Jersey, 37 percent of motor vehicle fatalities were alcohol related.

"We want people to be aware that we have zero tolerance for drunk drivers," Belleville Police Lieutenant Gerard Campanella said.

Along with the crackdown, the primary emphasis of "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign, according to Campanella, is high police visibility, which may make drivers think twice before driving drunk in the first place.

Campanella encourages residents to make arrangements ahead of time, or stay overnight at a location. All these, Campanella said, can help reduce drunk driving fatalities.

"Enjoy the holiday season," Campanella said. "Get a designated driver."

In Nutley, Chief John Holland also encourages party-goers to report impaired drivers to law enforcement and warns not to risk driving impaired, as offenders will be caught. And police departments are serious about this crackdown. From July 2004 to June 2005, there were 38 DWI summonses and 26 DWI convictions in Nutley, according to Jack Barry, traffic safety coordinator.

In Bloomfield, this year's efforts will be felt in increased patrols around the township.

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**IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT CRACKDOWN TO BE
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IN PLAINSBORO TWP.**

From November 21, 2005 through January 2, 2006, the Plainsboro Twp. Police Department will be stepping up impaired driving enforcement as part of the **You Drink You Drive, You Lose 2005 Holiday Enforcement Project**.

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The Plainsboro Twp. Police Department offer the following advise to motorist traveling in Plainsboro:

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John Bogovich
Chief of Police

News Release

For Immediate Release

Date: December 1, 2005
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Impaired Driving Enforcement Crackdown to be Conducted Locally as the year ends

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The end of the year and the beginning of the new is traditionally a time for social gatherings, which often include alcohol. The goal of the program is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement, and to arrest motorists who choose to drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Impaired drivers kill nearly 18,000 people on our nation's roads each year. In New Jersey for 2004, 270 of the 731 motor vehicle fatalities, or 37% were alcohol-related. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves. Indeed, Americans support tougher enforcement and rank drunk driving ahead of healthcare, poverty, the environment and gun control as an important social issue.

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BOROUGH OF RIDGEFIELD
Bergen County, New Jersey

Meeting December 12, 2005

Presented by Councilman Quaregna

RESOLUTION NO. 318-2005

WHEREAS, impaired drivers on our nation's road kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

WHEREAS, 37% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout several counties to participate in the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 5, 2005 through January 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield declares it's support for the You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown from December 5, 2005 through January 4, 2006 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Approved:

Anthony R. Suarez, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanine Sciglitano, Borough Clerk

	COUNCIL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Catherina				
Acosta				
Quaregna				
Bonacci				
Kovic				
Fucci				
Mayor Suarez				

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "YOU DRINK AND DRIVE, YOU LOSE 2005 YEAR END CRACKDOWN"

December 13, 2005

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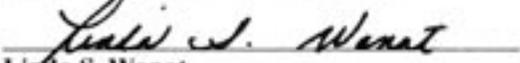
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, declares its support for the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown" from November 22, 2004 to January 2, 2005 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE											
COUNCILORS	YES	NO	ABS	N.V.	AB		YES	NO	ABS	N.V.	AB
Freier	✓					Mayor Remsen	✓				
Lang	✓					Councilor Schlager	✓				
Mattox	✓					Tobin	✓				
Deputy Mayor Michaelson	✓										
X - Indicate Vote ABS - Abstain N.V. - Not Voting AB - Absent											

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, at its meeting held on 12.13.05


 Linda S. Wanat
 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Montclair, N.J.



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Kelly J. Reilly
Chief of Police

New Release

For Immediate Release

Date: December 5, 2005
Contact: Sgt. Vincent A. Kulik

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