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DUI Saturation Heats Up in Adams County

Adams County, Colo. –Last year there were 36 DUI arrests during the Labor Day enforcement period in Adams County. The Adams County Sheriff's Office is joining a regional effort with the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other law enforcement agencies called *The Heat Is On*. As part of this effort, the Adams County Sheriff's Office will be doing a DUI Saturation starting on Thursday 8/24.

"We want to make sure the roads are safe for travel in Adams County. The DUI checkpoints show that the Adams County Sheriff's Office takes impaired driving seriously," said Adams County Sheriff Michael McIntosh.

Watch this video about <u>DUI enforcement</u> to see firsthand what happens when people drink and drive. Sheriff Michael McIntosh, Colorado State Patrol Captain Rocco Domenico, Westminster Police Chief Tim Carlson, Northglenn Police Chief Jim May and Thornton Police Chief Randy Nelson talk about DUI incidents that affect people in Adams County.

CDOT provides alternatives to drinking and driving with these recommendations for ridesharing services.

Labor Day Weekend – DUI Saturation

The combined DUI saturation from Aug. 18 to Sep. 5 will include 118 law enforcement agencies from across the state, which makes it the largest crackdown of the year. Last year's Labor Day enforcement cited 974 impaired drivers in Colorado, an average of 54 arrests per day. This number was the third highest arrest total of CDOT's 14 enforcement periods in 2016.

The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 14 impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips can be found at <u>HeatIsOnColorado.com</u>.