

**'Booze It & Lose It' Yields 5,933 DWI Arrests Statewide
More than 180,000 traffic and criminal violations caught during campaign**

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RALEIGH - State and local law enforcement officers across North Carolina arrested 5,933 motorists for driving while impaired (DWI) during the "Booze It & Lose It" campaign, which began Nov. 19 and ended on Jan. 2. A total of 180,883 traffic and criminal citations were issued statewide.

"It is only through the dedication of our law enforcement partners that we are able to make the roadways of our state safer for all who use them," said Darrell Jernigan, Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Driving while impaired is always the wrong choice, and one which will not be tolerated."

During the campaign's final week, Dec. 27-Jan. 2, officers statewide conducted more than 2,000 checkpoints and stepped-up patrols. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations include Mecklenburg (105), Robeson (55), and Buncombe (41).

While officers focused on impaired driving violations, campaign data demonstrates that they also cited motorists for a wide variety of other traffic and criminal offenses. Officers issued a total of 16,239 safety belt and 2,428 child passenger safety violations, as well 65,687 speeding violations and 3,605 drug charges. Officers also apprehended 81 fugitives from justice and recovered 295 stolen vehicles.

The GHSP has finalized its schedule of traffic safety enforcement campaigns for 2005. Note that all dates are subject to change, and additional events may be added:

- * May 23-June 12: "Click It or Ticket"
- * Aug. 19-4: "Booze It & Lose It"
- * Nov. 18-Jan. 1: "Booze It & Lose It"

See below for statewide citation totals. For county-by-county data, visit our web page at:

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"Booze It & Lose It" Statewide Totals

	DWI	Occupant Protection		Traffic Violations		Criminal Violations		Totals	Other Offenses*	
	Driving While Impaired Violations	Seat Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic Violations	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested
1,671 (Nov. 19-21)	699	1,616	256	5,441	12,598	262	761	15,930	25	12
2,645 (Nov. 22-28)	3,108	10,581	1,409	27,769	68,525	1,496	4,223	87,846	117	48
2,614 (Nov. 29-Dec. 5)	6,258	14,892	2,334	68,811	166,094	3,763	9,825	199,960	287	384

2,385 (Dec. 6-12)	12,674	49,276	6,008	127,831	318,163	7,504	19,788	299,466	577	475
2,304 (Dec. 13-19)	904	2,965	386	10,742	23,728	676	1,543	29,526	54	16
1,581 (Dec. 20-26)	675	1,525	254	7,805	16,637	466	1,038	20,129	37	8
2,036 (Dec.27 -Jan.2)	884	2,644	383	9,445	21,497	439	1,425	26,833	40	8
15,236 (TOTAL)	5,933	16,239	2,428	65,687	146,871	3,605	9,412	180,883	295	81

*These columns are not counted into overall total of violations.
Data compiled by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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