

**DWI ARRESTS TOP 3,100 DURING FALL "BOOZE IT & LOSE IT"  
CAMPAIGN  
More than 1,200 DWI Arrests Made in Final Week**

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RALEIGH-- Even though high gas prices kept many drivers off North Carolina roads during the last week of the Governor's Highway Safety Program "Across the State Battle Against DWI" campaign, state and local law enforcement officers stepped up efforts and arrested 1,217 individuals for driving while intoxicated (DWI) Aug. 29- Sept. 5.

"The impact of Hurricane Katrina forced many officers to concentrate on other efforts," said Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, "but state and local law enforcement personnel remained focused and truly proved their commitment to removing impaired drivers from our roads."

Officers held more than 2,400 checkpoints and patrols during the final week of the campaign. DWI arrests were highest in Wake County, where 107 arrests were made. Other counties with a high number of DWI charges include Mecklenburg with 80 and Durham with 77.

State and local law enforcement officials held more than 5,600 checkpoints and patrols throughout the campaign, which began Aug. 18 and 19 with kickoff events in Wilmington and Sylva. More than 3,100 DWI arrests were made during the entire campaign. Statewide traffic violations totaled more than 68,500 and safety belt violations topped 10,500.

"This campaign may be over," Jernigan said, "but our officers remain committed to ensuring safety on North Carolina roads. We will continue to drive these messages home until 100 percent compliance is achieved."

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
1,403 (Aug. 19-21)	784	2,564	338	7,176	16,379	292	835	20,900	23	6
2,717 (Aug. 22-28)	1,107	3,739	493	9,864	25,358	639	1,687	32,384	52	24
1,485 (Aug. 29-Sept. 6)	1,217	4,278	578	10,729	26,788	565	1,701	34,562	42	18
<b>Cumulative Totals Aug. 18-Sept. 5</b>										
5,605	3,108	10,581	1,409	27,769	68,525	1,496	4,223	87,846	117	48

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

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