



MEDIA RELEASE

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March Traffic Safety Operations

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office continues to participate in the statewide campaign known as Toward Zero Deaths, which focuses on reducing fatal motor vehicle collisions by enforcement of various traffic violations ranging from speeding to seatbelt compliance to impaired driving. The Sheriff's Office wishes to announce three traffic safety initiatives scheduled during March of 2013. The initiatives are scheduled as follows:

March 8 – 10, 2013 – Driving under the Influence Checkpoint and/or saturation patrols.

March 15 – 17, 2013 – (St. Patrick's Day Weekend) Project Saving Our Loved Ones (SOLO). Project SOLO operation is a statewide initiative to combat impaired driving and underage drinking to ultimately save lives and reduce roadway deaths. Project SOLO will be conducted as a joint initiative with the Charles County Sheriff's Office, Calvert County Sheriff's Office, and Maryland State Police. The operation will deploy mass patrols on state and/or county roadways known to have higher instances of impaired-driving arrests and alcohol-related crashes. The high-risk zones have been identified through impaired-driving arrest and crash data collection and will be patrolled throughout southern Maryland.

March 29 – 31, 2013 – Driving under the Influence Checkpoint and/or saturation patrols.

The enforcement operations already conducted and scheduled by the Sheriff's Office in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies for March 2013 are designed to support the goals and unite the efforts of the Toward Zero Deaths campaign. Please visit the Toward Zero Deaths website at <http://www.towardzerodeathsmd.com/> for more information.

Please contact Sergeant Michael Butler #85, supervisor of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit, at (301) 475-4200 x9006 or mike.butler@stmarysmd.com for any questions or concerns regarding traffic safety or enforcement initiatives.