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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Joplin Police Department DWI-Team is #1 in DWI arrests.**

The Joplin Police Department has two full-time DWI Enforcement Officers. These officers are fifty-percent grant-funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation. (MoDOT) During 2014-grant year, the Joplin Police Department-DWI Unit made three hundred, and seventy-four DWI arrests. This is the most arrests made by any of ten MoDOT funded teams.

The ten MoDOT funded teams include; Joplin Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Office, Columbia PD, Creve Coeur PD, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Platte County Sheriff's Office, and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

During the 2014 grant year the Joplin Police Department-DWI Unit made one thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven car stops. The unit also hosted five local sobriety checkpoints, and participated in twelve multi-jurisdictional sobriety checkpoints. The assistance of the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) was instrumental in the success of those checkpoints.

Driving while intoxicated is extremely dangerous and continues to be a serious problem in Missouri. In 2012 there were two hundred and fourteen alcohol-related traffic deaths and three thousand, five hundred and ten alcohol related traffic injuries in Missouri. The penalties for driving while intoxicated can be jail time, thousands of dollars in legal fees, higher insurance premiums, and can cause your driver's license to be suspended or revoked.

The Joplin Police Department will continue to make everyone's lives safer by professionally and proactively enforcing DWI laws.

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