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Multi-Agency Saturation Events Planned for Sioux County

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement and the Iowa State Patrol are joining forces for a second year of traffic enforcement events in Sioux County. Joint saturation projects from 2010 had a positive impact on driving behavior, but statistics show further work is needed.

Information provided by the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau continues to show Sioux County ranking 16th among Iowa counties for fatality crashes. This ranking puts Sioux County higher than its population rank (22nd) and vehicle miles traveled rank (28th). As of this date Sioux County has had two (2) fatal crashes in 2011.

Anticipated project dates and locations are as follows:

- **May 5-6** County-wide saturation
- **June 3** Highway 18 and Highway 75 north
- **July 8-9** Highway 18 west
- **August 26** Highway 10 and Highway 75 south

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement, and Iowa State Patrol will have added officers assigned to the areas on these dates for high visibility patrol.

An informal press conference to highlight these efforts will be held at the **Sioux County Sheriff's Office on April 28 at 10:00 am.** Officers will be on hand to answer questions, and provide ride-alongs for the press.



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2011 Sioux County Saturation Fact Sheet

Recent information provided by the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau.

- Sioux County ranks #22 in the state for population
- Sioux County is ranked #16 for fatality crashes
- Sioux County is ranked #28 in the state for miles traveled.

Information from Iowa Department of Transportation year 2010

- Sioux County had a total of 533 reported crashes
- 5 fatal crashes with 5 people killed
- 14 major injury crashes with 23 seriously injured
- 82 minor injury crashes with 124 minor injuries
- 68 possible/unknown injury crashes with 107 possible injuries
- 364 property damage only crashes
- 2 collisions with unknown injuries.

2006 to 2010 Sioux County Stats.

-2447 total collisions

-25 fatalities

-94 seriously injured

-364 minor injuries

-average cost per household \$12,947 which is ranked #21 in the state.

2010 Sioux County Saturation Results

Total Citations: 278

Seatbelt: 64

Speed: 114

Alcohol: 3

Suspended: 4

Total Warnings: 420

Speed: 178

Motorist Assists: 14

Arrests: 14

OWI: 3

Felony Forgery: 6

Narcotics: 3

Arrest Warrants: 2

For Immediate Release
May 12, 2011

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The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement have finished phase one of the 2011 saturation project.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement have joined forces to put together four separate saturation patrol projects in Sioux County. Phase one of the four projects was conducted May 5 and 6. The next project date is scheduled for June 3, 2011 with officers concentrating patrol in the northern half of Sioux County.

A total of 16 officers from the three agencies participated in the two day project.

Combined State Patrol, Sheriff's Office and Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement patrol activities for May 5 & 6:

Citations

- 41 Speed
- 23 Seat belt violations
- 2 Child restraint
- 6 No license
- 4 Registration violation
- 1 Window tint
- 2 Open container in vehicle
- 9 No insurance
- 12 Equipment violations
- 9 Miscellaneous other citations

Warning Memos

- 64 Speed
- 1 Stop sign violation
- 6 Registration violations
- 18 No insurance
- 55 Miscellaneous violations
- 100 Repair memos

Arrests

- 3 Operating While Intoxicated

Misc

- Officers from the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement conducted 35 commercial vehicle safety inspections which resulted in placing four (4) commercial vehicles out of service and six (6) drivers out of service.
- Officers also assisted four (4) motorists who needed assistance.
- During the two day project no traffic accidents were investigated in Sioux County by the participating officers.

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June 9, 2011

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The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement have finished phase two (2) of the 2011 saturation projects.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office , Iowa State Patrol and the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement have joined forces to put together four (4) separate saturation patrol projects in Sioux County. Phase two (2) of the four (4) projects was conducted Friday June 3 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the northern half of Sioux County. The next project date is scheduled for July 8 and 9, with officers concentrating patrol in the Western half of Sioux County.

A total of 16 officers from the three (3) agencies participated in the one (1) day project.

Combined State Patrol, Sheriff's Office and Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement patrol activities:

Citations

- 17 Speed
- 24 Seat belt violations
- 1 Child restraint
- 5 No license
- 1 Registration violation
- 3 Window tint
- 2 Driving with suspended license
- 6 No insurance
- 13 Equipment violations
- 15 Miscellaneous other citations
- 2 Move over violations

Warning Memos

- 24 Speed
- 1 Stop sign violation
- 4 Seat belt
- 3 Registration violations
- 13 No insurance
- 10 Miscellaneous violations
- 63 Repair memos

Officers from the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement conducted 15 commercial vehicle safety inspections which resulted in placing seven (7) commercial vehicles out of service and two (2) drivers out of service.

Officers also assisted five (5) motorists who needed assistance along the road.

During the one (1) day project there were no accidents investigated in Sioux County by the participating officers.



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July 14, 2011

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The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement have completed phase three of the 2011 saturation project.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement have joined forces to put together four separate saturation patrol projects in Sioux County this Summer. Phase three of the four projects was conducted Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9. The emphasis of patrol was in the Rock Valley area.

A total of 13 officers from the three agencies participated in phase three of the two day project.

(The next project date is scheduled for August 26, with the patrol efforts focused on the roads within the southern half of Sioux County.)

Combined State Patrol, Sheriff's Office and Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement Saturation numbers from Phase 3:

Citations

- 27 Speed
- 16 Seat belt violations
- 3 No Driver License
- 1 Registration violation
- 3 Window tint
- 1 Improper passing

- 2 Open container of alcohol
- 2 Driving with suspended license
- 6 No insurance
- 11 Equipment violations
- 12 Miscellaneous other citations

Warning Memos

- 43 Speed
- 1 Improper Passing
- 1 Seat belt
- 7 Registration violations
- 14 No insurance
- 20 Miscellaneous violations
- 77 Repair memos

Two arrests were made for driving under the influence of alcohol and one minor under the age of 21 was processed for a .02 alcohol violation.

Officers from the Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement conducted 31 commercial vehicle safety inspections which resulted in placing four (4) commercial vehicles and their drivers out of service.

Officers also assisted four (4) motorists who needed assistance along the road.

During the two day project there were no accidents investigated in Sioux County by the participating officers.