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“DWI ENFORCER ALL-STARS” HONORED AT TARGET FIELD AS EXTRA SUMMERTIME DWI PATROLS CONTINUE

ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) will announce the state’s top DWI enforcers during pre-game festivities at the Minnesota Twins game at Target Field, tonight, July 21.

The *2011 DWI Enforcer All-Stars* include 30 law enforcement officers and two prosecutors from the Twin Cities' metro area and greater Minnesota, selected for outstanding service in enforcement and in prosecution of impaired driving.

Minnesota State Patrol Trooper Jack Tiegs is the state’s Most Valuable Enforcer, leading with 139 DWI arrests in 2009. Tiegs was also the leading enforcer in 2010, when he recorded 133 arrests. (Complete *DWI Enforcer All-Star* rosters are on page 2).

“Drunk and impaired driving continues to kill and injure hundreds of people on Minnesota roads each year, and the work of these law enforcement officers has prevented countless tragedies,” says Donna Berger, acting director of DPS Office of Traffic Safety.

This is the fourth year DPS has recognized the state’s top DWI enforcers and the second year Car-X Auto Service has sponsored the event.

The announcement of the all-stars is accompanied by ongoing, summer-long increased DWI enforcement activity. In Minnesota during 2008–2010, there were 435 alcohol-related traffic deaths and 142 (33 percent) occurred during June–August.

Each year in Minnesota, alcohol-related crashes account for more than one-third of the state’s total traffic deaths. Last year, 131 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, the lowest count since 1984, when this statistic was first measured. In 2009, 29,918 motorists were arrested for DWI. DPS also reports that each year 75 percent of impaired drivers killed in crashes are also not buckled up.

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Twin Cities DWI Enforcer All-Stars — and number of 2010 DWI arrests:

1. Joseph Spark, Bloomington Police — 53
2. Adam Jacobson, Coon Rapids Police — 51
3. Adam Stier, Lakeville Police —118
4. Jeremiah Jessen, Medina Police — a leading drug recognition expert
5. Brad Drayna, Richfield Police —56
6. Richard Schwab, South St. Paul — 70
7. Randy Brown, Spring Lake Park — 50
8. Jeremy Auren, White Bear Lake Police — 53
9. Duane Siedschlag, White Bear Lake Police — 62
10. Kristi Nielson, Attorney General's Office
11. State Patrol Trooper Eric Micek — 120
12. State Patrol Trooper Andrew Martinek — 118
13. State Patrol Trooper Paul Loegering —107
14. State Patrol Trooper Andrew Gibbs —102
15. State Patrol Trooper Brian Reu —101
16. State Patrol Trooper Jack Tiegs — 139

Greater Minnesota DWI Enforcer All-Stars — and number of 2010 DWI Arrests:

1. David Doppelhammer, Albert Lea Police — 55
2. Tim Faver, Beltrami County prosecutor
3. Brian Martin, Blue Earth County Sheriff — 41
4. Tom Coulter, Blue Earth County Sheriff —38
5. Kevin Ott, Grand Rapids Police — 22
6. David Williams, Olmsted County Sheriff — 38
7. Jason Cederberg, Princeton Police — 28
8. Jean Valere, Rochester Police — 39
9. David Bonfield, Stearns County Sheriff — 31
10. Steve Estey, Virginia Police — a leading drug recognition expert
11. Zach Herzog, Willmar Police — 26
12. Justin Heldt, Winsted Police — 22
13. Darin Vossen, Worthington Police — 50
14. State Patrol Trooper Scott Barstad — 72
15. State Patrol Trooper Garrett Bondhus — 98
16. State Patrol Trooper John Fritz — 61

Editor's Note: *For access to on-field pre-game presentation (scheduled around 6:30 p.m.), contact Minnesota Twins media contact Chris Iles at 612-659-3503*