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## **METRO WINNING FIGHT AGAINST DUI FATALITIES IN 2010**

Midway through 2010, Metro has seen a 72% reduction in alcohol related fatalities. There have been 3 fatalities this year compared to 11 at this time last year.

As we approach the Memorial Day weekend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> most dangerous holiday for alcohol related traffic fatalities, Metro's Traffic Bureau will be taking a strong stance against impaired drivers by cracking down on DUI's. For the first time, Metro Traffic will be conducting 5 DUI Check Points throughout the valley, in an effort to continue this downward trend in alcohol related fatalities. There will also be numerous motorcycle officers in the area providing saturation.

This operation was made possible through a Federal Grant awarded to the Goshen Community Development Coalition; none of these funds will come out of Metro's budget. There will be approximately 250 officers and civilians assigned to these check points throughout the weekend.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 A.M., the media is invited to the Traffic Section located at 2300 E. St. Louis. Lt. Ankeny from Metro's Traffic Section, a representative of The Goshen Community, Sandy Heverly from STOP DUI and two victim's who have lost love ones in accidents involving impaired drivers will be on hand to address the media.

Please contact PIO Barb Morgan at 262-2970 or 828-4082 if you plan to attend.

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