



# Evansville Police Department

15 N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Evansville, Indiana 47708

TX 812-436-7896 • TDD 812-436-7975 • FAX 812-435-6175 • E-MAIL [info@evansvillepolice.com](mailto:info@evansvillepolice.com)

## News Release

09/02/2021

### Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over DUI Checkpoint September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

#### SUMMARY

The Evansville Police Department and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint starting tonight, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 P.M. until 2:00 A.M. September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Law enforcement officers from Evansville Police Department and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office will join together to conduct this checkpoint as a part of Blitz 110: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, a statewide enforcement campaign designed to detect and deter impaired driving.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh County Traffic Safety Partnership conducts sobriety checkpoints in an effort to detect and deter impaired drivers in an effort to reduce the occurrence of alcohol and drug related traffic crashes. Funding for local sobriety checkpoint operations is provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) through a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The location for tonight's checkpoint was chosen based on local traffic collision data. Analysis of data captured over a six (6) month period indicated that several geographical areas within Vanderburgh County accounted for a disproportionately high number of reported hit and run crashes during 2021. The upcoming checkpoint will be located within one of those areas. Hit and run crashes are often the result of impaired drivers who try to avoid arrest by fleeing the scene.

Always remember to plan ahead if you will be celebrating. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously and do not consume alcohol, not even one drink.

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911 to report it.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.
- Remember that *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*. It is illegal and deadly to drink and drive. For some, even one drink may be one drink too many.
- **As always, please remember to buckle up and drive safe!**



in partnership with the community