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***Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Crackdown Progress***

**Eau Claire, WI – Eau Claire Sheriff's Office** today announced initial arrest results for the 2010 crackdown on impaired driving currently under way. The national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* crackdown that launched on August 20 includes the use of saturation patrols, especially during high-risk nighttime hours.

“Deputies have made **5** impaired driving arrests as of **08/23/2010** in support of the national crackdown,” said **Sgt. Carl Duncan**. Four of the arrested were first-time offenders. The crackdown campaign runs through the Labor Day weekend and **Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies** will be out in full force to help get more impaired drivers off local roadways.

Driving with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher is illegal in all 50 States. Yet in 2008 alone, nearly 12,000 people were killed in U.S. motor vehicle crashes that involved a driver or motorcycle rider with a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher, according to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“It’s clear that too many people still don’t understand that impaired driving is no accident — nor is it a victimless crime,” said **Sgt. Carl Duncan**. “So our message to motorists is simple and unwavering: if you get caught driving while impaired, you will be arrested. No exceptions.”

For more information on the national crackdown, visit the High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign Headquarters at [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).

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