

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office along with other area law enforcement agencies completed its involvement in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. This campaign is designed to deter intoxicated driving during the holiday season.

Between December 15, 2016 and January 1, 2017 the Sheriff's Office arrested 7 intoxicated drivers and only responded to one crash where the driver was intoxicated. Fortunately this was a single vehicle crash that did not involve any injuries. The number of OWI arrests are slightly higher than the past year but overall we've seen a decline in the number of OWI arrests and crashes during the holiday season. For instance, during the same period in 2010, the Sheriff's Office arrested 16 intoxicated drivers. We are cautiously optimistic that Wisconsin motorists will continue this trend and will avoid situations that put themselves and their friends at risk of driving while intoxicated.