

## PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Super Bowl Sunday Impaired Driving Enforcement

On Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> members of the DUI Task Force Team were activated to conduct saturation patrols and checkpoints for the purpose of enforcing impaired driving statutes. The DUI Task Force Teams are made up of officers and troopers from all over the state who are selected to be on the team based on their history of exceptional highway safety enforcement efforts. These officers are supervised by a Team Captain.

Three DUI Task Force Teams of several officers each conducted enforcement details in three large geographic areas of the state. Cities, towns and villages in Chittenden, Rutland and Washington Counties were the focus of the evening patrols.

The locations of the details were determined by using crash data and impaired driving arrest data provided by the Vermont Office of Highway Safety. Patrols were conducted from approximately 6:00 PM until Midnight.

There were a total of 121 vehicles stopped and contacts made with 212 motorists and passengers. Officers identified five (5) designated drivers. There were four arrests for suspected Impaired Driving, four arrests for Driving with a Suspended License, and one other criminal arrest. Traffic violations included 25 speeding violations and 4 other traffic violations.

It was hoped that this High Visibility Enforcement effort would encourage Super Bowl enthusiasts to enjoy the game, but to drive responsibly also.

Sincerely, Tom Fields, Law Enforcement Liaison

