



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Sheriff's Office To Have Extra Deputies On The Road For Holiday Period - Results

The Sheriff's Office received a grant from TxDOT to put Deputies on the road in a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) aimed at getting speeding, and impaired, drivers off the road. This year the grant, which is part of the, "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." Program, has expanded to include speeding violations.

The grant allowed the Sheriff's Office to put additional deputies on the road that were looking for impaired drivers and speeding violators during the Labor Day Holiday period that occurred between **August 15, 2008** and **September 1, 2008**. The grant paid overtime to deputies working various shifts over the 18 days.

Here are the preliminary numbers (STATS) for the STEP patrols;

Deputies worked a total of 53 hours during the 18 day period concentrating on speeding enforcement.

DWI - 3 (TCSO Deputies made 33 DWI arrests County Wide)

Speeding Citations- 91

All Other Citations -64

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