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MISSOULA POLICE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS 2010 STRATEGIC ALCOHOL PLAN

The Missoula Police Department has implemented a Strategic Alcohol Plan to address alcohol-related issues and problems that tend to increase this time of year. The goal of the plan is to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life on Missoula's roadways, in our neighborhoods and in the downtown area.

Over the next several weeks, the Missoula Police Department officers will focus major attention on the detection and enforcement of alcohol-related offenses pertaining to underage drinking, loud parties, DUI Drivers, over-service of alcohol and the associated criminal behaviors stemming from the illegal possession of and the irresponsible service and/or consumption of alcohol.

Officers will be directed to take a zero-tolerance approach in their enforcement of alcohol-related offenses. Regular shift officers will be augmented with grant-funded officers, most of whom will be assigned specifically to the detection and enforcement of alcohol-related offenses.

The following enforcement activities will be conducted throughout the year with heavy emphasis during the months of September, October and November:

- 1. Bar Checks & ID Checks**
- 2. Alcohol Compliance Checks**
- 3. Over-Service of Alcohol Patrols**
- 4. Party Patrols**
- 5. DUI Patrols**
- 6. Griz Game Day Patrols**
- 7. Cops In Shops**

This will be the third year that the Missoula Police Department has implemented a department-wide enforcement plan, which is complemented by outreach and education to community, high school and University of Montana entities.

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