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EXTRA HOLIDAY PATROLS NET 66 DUI ARRESTS

The Missoula Police Department's diligent work from Dec. 15 through Jan. 1 resulted in 66 arrests for Driving Under the Influence. The targeted DUI Saturation Patrol effort created a safer community through the holidays.

Patrol officers' efforts were boosted by extra DUI patrol shifts by both on-duty officers and officers hired with funds provided by the Montana State Highway Traffic Safety Office through its Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP) grants and by the Missoula County DUI Task Force. The patrols focused on the downtown bar area as well as house parties and complaints of driving under the influence received from callers to 911. The department hired 12 officers to work overtime shifts during the operation to supplement patrol shift strength.

"Unfortunately, we did not achieve our goal of no DUI injury crashes," said Sgt. Greg Amundsen. "But we continue to work toward that every day of the year."

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