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"NO REFUSAL" IN EFFECT FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

(Tarrant County, TX) — This three-day Labor Day weekend, Tarrant County law enforcement agencies are working in partnership to crack down on impaired drivers by instituting a "No Refusal" policy. Under this program, drivers pulled over for suspected impaired driving who refuse to take a routine breath test will instead be subject to a court-ordered blood test.

"Last year there were 1,624 DWI-related crashes in Tarrant County," said Criminal District Attorney, Sharen Wilson. "DWI cases continue to be among the most common offenses filed with this office, and offenders are being prosecuted. If you're driving under the influence in Tarrant County, it's not a question of if you'll be caught, but when."

Sheriffs and police officers from departments around the county will be posted starting Friday night, with access to expedited judicial warrants and centralized blood-draw locations.

"As you plan your weekend celebration, include plans to have a designated driver," said Tarrant ACDA Richard Alpert, the State's leading expert on DWI and intoxication manslaughter prosecution. "Failure to do so could cost you time, money, your job or your life."

The "No Refusal" policy will be in effect until 5:30am on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.



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