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Governor's Highway Safety Office Launches *Cumberland Crackdown*

Nashville, Tenn. – Law enforcement agencies across the Cumberland Region are working together to save lives on Tennessee roadways. The Governor's Highway Safety Office will join 88 agencies from 28 counties to kick off the *Cumberland Crackdown* at noon, Wednesday, December 30.

The Crackdown will be one of the largest enforcement events in Tennessee. Law enforcement agencies will be focusing their efforts on some of the deadliest highways in their jurisdiction (see list below). These highways were identified by the Department of Safety using data from the present all the way back to 1994. Agencies will conduct sobriety checkpoints and saturation points along these roadways from 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 30th until 3:00 a.m., Thursday.

"We are able to use a more proactive approach to enforcement this holiday season by using data provided to us by the Department of Safety," stated Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) Liaison Clint Shrum. "Having the ability to determine the areas that are the most dangerous allows agencies to appropriate the right resources to ensure highway safety. Because of this approach the Cumberland Region is experiencing a noticeable decrease in highway fatalities this year."

Director Kendell Poole, GHSO, added, "This time of year can be one of the happiest for families as they get together and make new memories. However, those happy moments can be stolen away in seconds because the holiday season is one of the deadliest and most dangerous. Enforcement will make a difference."

The Governor's Highway Safety Office reminds all Tennessee drivers to stay safe throughout the holiday season and buckle up, watch your speed and designate a sober driver when taking part in holiday festivities.

Roadways targeted in this effort include:

Bledsoe - Hwy 127	Rhea - Hwy 27
Bradley - Hwy 60	Overton - Hwy 111
Cannon - Hwy 70	Pickett - Hwy 111
Clay - Hwy 52	Polk - Hwy 64
Coffee - Hwy 41	Putnam - Hwy 135
Cumberland - Hwy 127	Meigs- Hwy 58
DeKalb - Hwy 70	Sequatchie – Hwy 28
Fentress - Hwy 127	Smith - Hwy 70 (SR024)
Franklin - Hwy 16	Trousdale - Hwy 10
Grundy - Hwy 56	Van Buren - Hwy 111
Hamilton - Hwy 41	Warren - Hwy 70
Jackson - Hwy 53	White - Hwy 70
Macon - Hwy 10	
Marion – Hwy 28	
McMinn - Hwy 30	

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