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Zero Tolerance Emphasis Results

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office completed this summer's "Zero Tolerance" emphasis patrols. During the 7 week campaign, teams of deputies conducted 6 patrols. Deputies assigned to the emphasis patrols had the following objectives:

1. To discourage underage drinking through a zero tolerance enforcement plan for MIP and Disorderly House violations.
2. To discourage the presence of intoxicated patrons in local drinking establishments through a zero tolerance enforcement plan for over-service violations.
3. To detect, apprehend, and arrest impaired drivers through a zero tolerance enforcement plan for alcohol and drug impaired drivers.

WCSDO deputies worked a total of 66 hours during the 6 emphasis patrols, with the following results:

DUI = 3
MIP = 15
Bar Compliance Checks = 21
Drugs = 8
DWLS = 9
Speeding = 6
No Insurance = 6
Warrants = 5

As a result of the 21 Bar Compliance Checks, deputies sent one referral to the Liquor Control Board for possible over-service violations.

For questions about this project contact Sgt. Gatterman or Coordinator Doug Dahl at 398-2812.

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