



# PRESS RELEASE

## Super Bowl Sunday

### **Willcox Department of Public Safety/Southeastern Arizona DUI Task Force Super Bowl Sunday 2017 DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement Detail Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant funded**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017-**

The Willcox Department of Public Safety Patrol Division will be conducting a DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement Detail on Sunday February 5th, 2017, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. The Willcox Police Departments Patrol Officers will conduct this event to focus on both drug and alcohol impaired drivers in the hope of reducing the impact of impaired drivers. This enforcement detail is supported by grant funding received from the **Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS)**.

This enforcement detail will conduct high-contact traffic enforcement targeting impaired drivers with ZERO tolerance regarding alcohol violations. Patrol Officers will focus on identifying drug and alcohol impaired drivers to include juveniles, young adults and older adults, before they get involved in a collision, thereby increasing the safety for all Willcox motorists and pedestrians. The cost of DUI and impaired drivers to communities is extremely high in terms of money, costs of criminal prosecutions, incarceration costs and most of all the tragic loss of human life.

During the 2015/2016 grant period, the Willcox Department of Public Safety officers recorded a total of 1135 moving traffic violations. A total of 13 were arrested for D.U.I. alcohol and another 6 were arrested for D.U.I. drugs. These impaired drivers were removed from the streets of Willcox and the public thoroughfares in their surrounding community. Additionally, officers issued 60 citations for seatbelt violations and 10 citations for child restraint violations. A total of 677 citations were issued for other violations, criminal speed citation 23, civil speed citations 479. These statistics were compiled from the recorded traffic stops from an average of 5 Patrol Officers, and 1 Patrol Sergeant within the Willcox Department of Public Safety.

With continuous support from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Southeastern Arizona DUI Task Force reminds drivers that if you choose to drive hammered, you will get nailed. Get a designated driver, not a DUI!

The point of contact for this event will be Sgt. Dale Hadfield, who can be reached at (520 384-4673)