



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SECTION

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Howard police arrest five at sobriety checkpoint

Howard County police arrested five drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs during a sobriety checkpoint between the late hours of Friday and early hours of Saturday. The checkpoint was established on eastbound Md. 175 at Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia.

Approximately 803 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, which was manned by Howard County police officers, supported by members of the Howard County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Nine vehicles were pulled over for further examination, and five drivers were arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs. One additional arrest was made on a driver who was operating the vehicle with a suspended license.

This year, Howard County police have arrested more than 1,100 drivers who were impaired or under the influence this year.

Each year, more than 13,000 people are killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes and/or crashes where safety belts are not used. The Howard County Department of Police encourages all motorists to drive safely.

Howard County police will continue to use sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols in the future as a means of combating drunken and drugged driving.

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