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### **Cape Girardeau Police Department Cracks Down on Impaired Driving**

With prom and graduation season here, Missouri law enforcement want to make sure Missouri youth are celebrating safe and sober. The Cape Girardeau Police Department will join other Missouri law enforcement agencies to crack down on drunk driving May 2-13, 2013.

It is illegal for someone under 21 to possess or consume alcohol in Missouri, yet youth make up a significant proportion of drunk drivers causing traffic crashes on Missouri roadways. Missouri has a Zero Tolerance Law. If you are under 21, your license will be suspended if you're caught driving with even a trace of alcohol in your system.

Consequences of drunk driving include jail time, loss of their driver's license, or being sentenced to use ignition interlocks. Insurance rates go up. Other financial hits include attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job or job prospects. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators can also face tremendous personal embarrassment and humiliation.

"Driving drunk is simply not worth all the consequences," stated Interim Chief Roger Fields. "Zero tolerance means zero chances: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

Between 2010 and 2012, 77 people were killed and 363 seriously injured in Missouri roadway crashes involving and impaired driver under the age of 21.

For more information on impaired driving, visit [www.saveMOlives.com](http://www.saveMOlives.com).

