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Make sure that last hurrah of the summer doesn't end with you behind bars.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching the annual "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign on Aug. 19. TxDOT, the Texas Department of Public Safety, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and law enforcement agencies statewide are joining forces to crack down on drunk driving as the summer winds down. The enforcement period is Aug. 19-Sept. 5 (Labor Day).

The Burleson Police Department will have a heightened awareness during this time, but stresses that the no refusal policy for those suspected of driving drunk is enforced year round.

According to TxDOT, in 2010, there were 25,032 alcohol-related crashes in Texas that resulted in 1,057 deaths and 16,877 injuries. In that same year, 24 percent of the people killed in alcohol-related crashes in Texas were between 20 and 25 years old.

In May 2008, Burleson joined the move to obtain a warrant to draw a suspected drunk driver's blood if that driver refuses to submit to an intoxilyzer test. The blood is drawn at the hospital by a trained and certified phlebotomist technician. In Texas, the legal limit is .08.

A DWI arrest and conviction in Texas can cost \$17,000 or more with fees for towing the car, impounding the car, bail, attorney fees, court costs, hearing and fees to regain and retain the driver's license, DWI fine, probation costs, fees for extended proof of insurance, plus insurance rate hikes.

- The first driving while intoxicated (DWI) conviction is a Class B misdemeanor with a sentence not to exceed 180 days in county jail.
- The second DWI conviction is a Class A misdemeanor with a sentence not to exceed one year in county jail.
- If a child younger than 15 years old is in the vehicle with the intoxicated driver, the DWI charge is upgraded to a state jail felony. A conviction means the intoxicated driver's sentence could range from 180 days to two years in state jail.
- If a person has two prior DWI convictions at the time of their arrest for DWI, the charge is upgraded to a felony. If a person is convicted three times (or more) of DWI, that conviction is a third degree felony that carries a sentence of two-10 years in prison.