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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES NO-REFUSAL OPERATIONS FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

GALVESTON, TX – Galveston County Criminal District Attorney Jack Roady announced today that law enforcement agencies across Galveston County will be working together to conduct No Refusal Operations for the upcoming Labor Day Weekend, from Saturday, September 3rd through Sunday, September 4th.

Roady noted that “Texas sees an alcohol related crash every 21 minutes and 18 seconds, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Labor Day weekend can be particularly dangerous. During the 2015 Labor Day Holiday reporting period, there were 359 alcohol crashes that resulted in 12 fatalities and 36 serious injuries.”

In Texas, anyone driving with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher is considered legally impaired. Under the No Refusal program, police officers may seek blood search warrants for offenders who are arrested for DWI and refuse the officer’s request for blood alcohol testing. Blood samples collected can be used as evidence in the DWI cases.

A DWI arrest and conviction in Texas can cost \$17,000 or more: fees include car towing and impoundment, bail, attorney fees, court costs, hearing and fees to regain and retain a driver’s license, DWI fines, probation costs, fees for extended proof of insurance, plus insurance rate hikes.

Local judges will be available to make probable cause determinations and authorize the blood search warrants. Prosecutors and nurses will also work through the night to assist police officers with these investigations.

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