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Re: HCSO Traffic Deputies Work Diligently to Ensure Safe Roadways over New Year's Weekend

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Deputies assigned to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit are deployed throughout Hernando County seven days per week.

The main goal for these particular deputies is to ensure safe travel on county roadways. This goal is achieved through education, and if necessary, written warnings or traffic citations.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis has a zero tolerance for impaired driving. With that said, the HCSO traffic deputies were deployed in high concentrations over the New Year's holiday weekend (12-29-23 at 3 p.m. to 01-01-24 at 3 a.m.).

During this time, deputies with the Traffic Unit logged the following activity:

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| - Traffic Stops | 379 (491 agency wide) |
| - Arrests | 4 |
| - DUI Arrests | 3 |
| - Traffic Citations | 131 (152 agency wide) |
| - Crash Investigations | 24 |

This continued focus on traffic enforcement throughout the year has resulted in the highest number of agency-wide traffic stops recorded since 2019.

In 2023, deputies conducted a total of **39,020 traffic stops** agency wide, an increase of **8,000 traffic stops** from 2022.

As always, we will continue to work diligently to keep Hernando County roadways safe for residents and visitors alike.

If you would like to report a traffic problem and/or request Traffic Enforcement, please call our office at 352-754-6830 to do so. Thank you.