DUI ENFORCEMENT

Getting it Done

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THREE TENANATS OF DUI WORK:

- MESSAGE MUST COME FROM THE TOP DOWN.
- YOU MUST LOOK FOR THE LITTLE THINGS.
- BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY.
MESSAGE FROM THE TOP DOWN

- DUI ENFORCEMENT MUST BE A PRIORITY FOR THE AGENCY, AND THAT PRIORITY MUST BE SPelled OUT BY THE CHIEF OR SHERIFF. FAILURE TO DO SO ONLY ALLOWS “OTHER” PRIORITIES TO BE FOCUSED ON.

  - With Chief of Sheriff defining the priorities there is no wiggle room or chance for others to set different priorities.

  - BURGLARY TEST...

- DONOVAN SCHAEFFER, Dig’Em Donuts, 1992
RCPD EXPERIENCE

Alcohol Injury Crashes
Alcohol Fatalities
LOOKING FOR THE LITTLE THINGS

- DUI ARRESTS ARE NOT “Gimmes” ANYMORE

- OFFICERS HAVE TO BE DEDICATED TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING

- DON’T BE AFRAID TO ADMIT, “WE ARE HUNTING DRUNKS”

- SPEEDING, WIDE TURNS, FAILURE TO USE TURN SIGNALS, HIGH BEAM USAGE, DELAYED RESPONSE TO LIGHT CHANGES...
DUI: AVERAGE BAC (Blood Alcohol Content)

.178

(.08 is the legal presumption of intoxication)
BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

- GET COMMUNITY BUY IN
  - MADD, SADD, AADD
  - SCOOTERS

- YOUR LOCAL MEDIA
  - In 2008, the RCPD conducted, a “Wet Night”.
  - Frequent ride alongs, and invitations to checkpoints EVERYTIME!!