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### TX DOT DWI GRANT

The Plano Police Department has received a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant will provide funds from December 22, 2006 through September 3, 2007 and will complement the current initiatives routinely exercised by the Plano Police Department.

This TX DOT grant will target the four specific time periods throughout the year when impaired driving is most prevalent. These time periods begin just prior to and end just after the Winter Holidays in 2006, Spring Break, Independence Day, and Labor Day in 2007.

The specially funded officers augmented by our regular patrol officers, along with highway safety strategies, will hopefully prevent many of the injuries caused by impaired driving. With this heightened level of enforcement, violators are more likely than ever to be pulled over and arrested for DWI during these timeframes.

The Plano Police Department would like remind everyone that they should buckle up, drive sober, and obey the speed limits and traffic laws. Impaired driving is one of

America's deadliest problems. In 2004 alone more than 15,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .01 or higher. Of those, nearly 13,000 were involved in crashes where the BAC was at or above the legal limit of .08.

If you get caught driving impaired, **WE WILL NOT ISSUE WARNINGS! You drink, You drive, YOU WILL GO TO JAIL!**