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Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program

The New Britain Police Department has obtained a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Division to support increased Driving Under the Influence (DUI) detection and enforcement efforts. This enforcement program will run from November 2017 through September 2018.

The grant will help to provide funding to staff additional DUI patrols as well as roadside sobriety checkpoints. Roadside sobriety checkpoints have been shown to be the most effective method to detect and apprehend motor vehicle operators who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

As part of this program, the New Britain Police Department will be conducting a DUI sobriety checkpoint during the evening of Saturday, November 18, 2017. This DUI checkpoint will be set up on Martin Luther King Boulevard between East Main Street and North Street.

Additional DUI patrols will be conducted on Thursday and Friday evenings along with selected dates and times during this grant period. These patrols will specifically target suspected DUI operation but may also enforce any other violations observed during the course of this program.

The purpose of these patrols and checkpoints is to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes and related injuries caused by DUI operators and to help provide safe travels for all motorists.

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