Press Release







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Labor Day Weekend DUI Checkpoint Results in Five Arrests

On Saturday, August 31,2024 the Lake City Police Department conducted a Multi-Agency DUI sobriety checkpoint on US Highway 90 in Lake City as part of the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Labor Day Weekend campaign. This checkpoint resulted in a criminal citation and five arrests.

The checkpoint was conducted on US Highway 90 between NW Gwen Lake Ave and NW Ridgewood Ave. Westbound traffic diverted from the highway into a screening area where law enforcement officers from LCPD and FHP looked for signs of impairment and other obvious violations. The checkpoint ran for approximately 6 hours, beginning just after 7:30pm and ending at approximately 1:30am.

A total of 1554 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Five arrests were made, 1 criminal citation was issued for driving without a valid license, and 6 traffic citations were issued ranging from unknowingly driving while license suspended to expired registration.

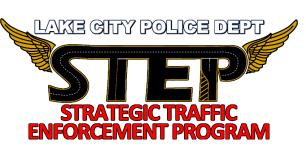
Of the five arrests made at the checkpoint, two suspects were charged with DUI. The other arrests were

- Driving While License Suspended or Revoked, Felony
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- Violation of Non-residential requirements for a Driver's License

"Our primary goal is to keep our community safe, and that starts with education," said Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We are committed to raising awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. It's not just about enforcing the law; it's about preventing tragedies before they happen."

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