

# MANCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT - *PRESS RELEASE***

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**MANCHESTER, NH** - As a result of the increasing incidents of drinking and driving, the Manchester Police Department applied for, and was granted, a Superior Court Petition to conduct a **Sobriety Checkpoint**. The “**Sobriety Checkpoint**” is the most effective method of detecting and apprehending the impaired operator.

The program, approved by the NH Highway Safety Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, provides federal highway safety funds to support these checkpoints which will be conducted in Manchester.

A review of records has shown that the use of alcohol by individuals who operate motor vehicles has resulted in an alarming number of deaths and personal injury accidents. Therefore, in an effort to maintain safe roads in Manchester, the Manchester Police Department will be conducting a **Sobriety Checkpoint** in the Manchester area on **Friday, May 16, 2014 and Saturday, May 17, 2014**.

The purpose of the **Sobriety Checkpoint** is to detect and apprehend the impaired driver. Manchester Police Chief Mara has taken an aggressive stance to prevent persons from driving when intoxicated. New Hampshire has some of the most aggressive laws in the country to fight the intoxicated driver and the law enforcement community will use those tools to their full extent.