



**JOE LESTER**  
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**

**“Sheriff’s Effort to Target Drinking & Driving”**

(NORMAN, OK) Cleveland County Sheriff Joe Lester announced today that his deputies will be out in full force over the summer months, cracking down on impaired and drunk drivers. Sheriff Lester stated that operation “Drunk Driving; Over the Limit, Under Arrest” will include roadside sobriety and safety checkpoints and increased activity to detect and arrest people who drink and drive. “This effort will save lives”, Sheriff Lester said. “Almost everyone you meet has a loved one or a friend who has been victimized by a drunk driver.” The operation will be in full force during the months of July, August and September.

For many people, the summer months include social gatherings that include alcohol. Sheriff Lester is encouraging people to plan in advance for these gatherings and have a designated driver for anyone who may have had too much to drink or who may be over the legal limit. Lester said the best thing people can do is to insure they don’t drive at all if they have consumed any level of alcohol. The Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting Roadside Sobriety and Safety checkpoints throughout Cleveland County during these months. Cleveland County Deputies will have ‘Zero Tolerance’ for anyone operating a motor vehicle while being impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Any questions regarding this press release &/or information can be addressed to Undersheriff Rhett Burnett, Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office, Public Information Officer.