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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Urges Parents to Discuss Importance of Safety with Teenagers during Prom Season

As the prom season for local high schools has arrived, the Pickens County Sheriff's Office is urging parents to have discussions with their children that will be attending these events.

Unfortunately, each year across the country, we see too often the aftermath of an accident involving high school students that have been injured or killed in alcohol related crashes. This weekend on Saturday, April 16, 2016, students will be attending prom events sponsored by Daniel and Liberty High Schools.

Sheriff Rick Clark's "Community Action Team" will be monitoring roadways throughout Pickens County with emphasis on the following, but not all inclusive, list of locations in an effort to proactively deter and detect impaired drivers:

- Six Mile Hwy/Twelve Mile Park (Clemson)
- Old Central Rd/Ford Rd (Clemson)
- Anderson Dr/Boggs Dr (Liberty)

Sheriff Clark stated...

"The faculty and staff within our schools here in Pickens County have historically been very successful in educating our teenagers of the dangers associated with merely being in a vehicle that may be driven by someone that has consumed alcohol. The presence of law enforcement on our roadways serves to reinforce the consequences that can come with making a poor decision to drink and drive or to consume alcohol if underage."

"Our agency continues to partner with the school district and other surrounding law enforcement agencies in the mission to keep our kids safe and free from the occasional lapse in judgment that can negatively impact a family for life".

Motorists that may have an occasion to observe vehicles believed to be driven by impaired drivers are asked to call 911 and give the description of the vehicle, the location and direction of travel so that law enforcement can make an effort to locate the vehicle and investigate further.

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