



# Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

## David Leyton, Prosecutor

### Law Enforcement Cracking Down on Drunk Driving During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

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FLINT -- Local law enforcement leaders held a press conference this morning at the Flint Post of the Michigan State Police to announce plans for saturation patrols and heightened enforcement activities during the upcoming 4th of July holiday period to show zero tolerance for drunk drivers.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said "Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest and most preventable problems. If you drink and drive and are arrested, you will be prosecuted."

Prosecutor Leyton said, for the average individual, just drinking a few beers can put a person above the legal blood alcohol limit of .08.

"If you choose to drink alcohol on the Fourth, then don't drive. Use designated drivers instead and be responsible during your 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations," Prosecutor Leyton added.



Last year in Genesee County, 27 people lost their lives and more than 400 people suffered injuries from drunk driving accidents. Along with those tragedies, drunk drivers face possible jail sentences, hefty court costs and fines, restrictions on their driving privileges, and the embarrassment of being arrested.

Law enforcement officials participating in the press conference included:

- David Leyton, Genesee County Prosecutor

- Lt. Rick Arnold, Michigan State Police - Flint Post Commander

- Chief David Stamm, Grand Blanc Twp. Police and President of the Chiefs of Police Association of Genesee County

- - and other local Chiefs of Police from around Genesee County