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Show Your Love – Know Your Limit

Annapolis Mayor Michael Pantelides' educational program to combat drunk driving, Know Your Limit, is scheduled to hold an event on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m, just in time for those out celebrating Valentine's Day.

The Know Your Limit program has Annapolis police officers offering free breathalyzer tests and distributing literature concerning drunk driving and available alternatives in Annapolis. Officers will be located near the Market House for the February 11th event. This program was launched last year.

Most people are aware that Maryland law sets the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) for a driver below .08 percent, but even at BACs under a .08 drivers can show signs of impairment. However, many people might not realize how much alcohol, or more importantly how little alcohol it takes to reach a BAC of .08 percent. Officers on foot will educate passersby about impaired driving and ask them to participate in the program. Volunteer participants will be asked if they feel safe to drive a car, then they blow into a portable breathalyzer. Participants will be told what their BAC is and given an educational card with information on alcohol consumption and options to get home safely.

The Know Your Limit program is not intended as a scare tactic. Instead, it's intended to provide an educational opportunity to encourage groups to designate a sober driver and make good choices. Officers receive a tremendous amount of positive responses to the program from both those tested and people walking by and asking about the