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Know Your Limit Event Scheduled for July 2nd

Annapolis Mayor Michael Pantelides' new educational program to combat drunk driving, Know Your Limit, is scheduled to hold another event on Saturday, July 2, 2016 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 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 July 2nd event. The first event was held Thursday, May 5, Cinco de Mayo.

Most people are aware that Maryland law sets the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) for a driver below .08 percent, and even 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. During the first event in May officers gave breath tests to 89 people over a six hour period. The highest BAC recorded was a 0.27 percent. Officers received a tremendous amount of positive responses to the program from both those tested and people walking by and asking about the program.

The Know Your Limit Campaign has been used successfully by police departments across the country. The Annapolis Police Department will also have extra officers working impaired driving enforcement during the fourth of July weekend to catch drivers who make the wrong decision and get behind the wheel after drinking too much.

Media interested in attending the event can contact the police department PIO, Corporal Amy Miguez, at 410-268-9000 or amiguez@annapolis.gov for more information.