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Madison County Law Enforcement Agencies Join Four WNC Counties in Support of Blackout Wednesday Turns Blue
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On Wednesday, November 26, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. drivers may notice more blue lights than usual along roadways in Madison County and Western North Carolina as law enforcement officers use flashing blue lights at the sites of fatal or serious alcohol-related crashes to serve as a solemn reminder to drive sober during the holidays. The Madison County Sheriff's Office along with the Towns of Hot Springs, Marshall, and Mars Hill Police Departments will turn the night blue along roadways in Madison County as part of the initiative.

The day before Thanksgiving historically kicks off the holiday season with deadly motor vehicle crashes related to speed and DWIs. Law Enforcement Officers from Buncombe, Cherokee, Haywood, Jackson, and Madison Counties are combining forces with the Western North Carolina Regional DWI Task Force to reinforce safe driving awareness.

Madison County Law Enforcement Officers will park at two recent fatal DWI sites and at other locations throughout the county. The Madison County Law Enforcement agencies coordinated message is, "Make a plan, drive responsibly, don't jeopardize your life or the life of others." Enjoy the holidays and be aware that the blue lights are flashing because someone failed to plan or care for the safety of our neighbors," WNC Regional DWI Task Force representative Rod Honeycutt.

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