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MEDIA RELEASE

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RELEASE**

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AMENDED RELEASE

The Westminster Police Department will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint sometime during the weekend of Friday, September 18 through Sunday, September 20, 2009.

The exact location and time of the Sobriety Checkpoint is not being disclosed, however the location was chosen due to the number of alcohol related arrests and crashes in and around the Sobriety Checkpoint site.

The Sobriety Checkpoint location will be clearly marked and staffed by uniformed officers from the Westminster Police Department and other law enforcement jurisdictions within Carroll County.

Individuals who do drive into the Sobriety Checkpoint will be stopped for a brief period so that an officer can determine if the operator's ability to drive is impaired. Drivers who display signs of impairment as the result of alcohol or drug consumption will be directed to the roadside for further evaluation.

Individuals who do not wish to drive through the Sobriety Checkpoint will be provided with an alternative route around the checkpoint.

This is the first Sobriety Checkpoint conducted by the Westminster Police Department. Previous Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in 2008 and 2009 were cancelled due to inclement weather. The Department joins a growing list of jurisdictions both locally and nationally that use this effective tool to combat drunk and drugged driving.

Statistical results for the Sobriety Checkpoint will be issued in a follow up Media Release.

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