DUI Enforcement Motivation

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Motivation

- **Motivation** - is a theoretical construct used to explain a person’s actions, desires, and needs.

- **Motivation** – What causes a person to want to repeat a behavior.

- **Motivation** – Simply the reason you do something
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In 2012, 1,168 children were killed in motor vehicle crashes. (1132 – 2015)

20% of those or **239** were killed in alcohol impaired driving crashes

Another **38** children were pedestrians killed by alcohol impaired drivers

| **FBI Crime Stats**          |

“School shooting” deaths

1990 – 2015

**281** people killed
What motivates you?

- **Extrinsic** – OT pay, pins, awards, competition, possible sanctions, atta boys

- **Intrinsic** – Normally driven by self-desire, interest / enjoyment, belief in an ideal
Why address motivation
Importance of motivation

Master’s Thesis

(I needed something to study)
Why do the study

- An old argument got me thinking.
- Question of over who should be assigned to DUI units.
- NHTSA information over thirty years old.
Factors Influencing Arrest For Alcohol Related Traffic Violations

- Study from 1974
- Patrol Officers
  - 255 Surveys, 69 Personal Interviews
- Supervisors
  - 74 Questionnaires
- Judiciary
  - 12 Judges
  - 14 Prosecutors
Findings in 1974

- Officers that used alcohol were less likely to enforce in alcohol related incidences.

- The more they drank, the less likely they were to enforce impaired driving laws.

- Things had changed dramatically in LE over 40 years
### Other factors of influence

- Age
- Experience
- Attitude
- Training
- Supervision
- Perception of penalty
- Time of shift
- Weather
Hypothesis

THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF DECISIONS TO ARREST IN IMPAIRED DRIVING CASES AMONG OFFICERS WHO CONSUME ALCOHOL AND THOSE WHO DO NOT.
Study Questions

- 61 Ft Wayne officers
- Sex
- Age
- Number of years in law enforcement
- Number of years on Ft Wayne PD
- Number of years working darkness hours
Study Questions

- Your personal belief in importance of impaired driving enforcement.

- Do you drink alcohol in your off-duty time?

- If yes, how often?

- If yes, how often do you binge drink?  
  - (Worded as five or more drinks in one event.)
Analysis

Data was analyzed at the Ball State University Computing Services.

A mean number of DUIs was determined for each officer. (seven DUIs per year)

For analytic purposes anyone indicating two or less drinks per year were counted as non-drinkers.

No officers indicated they believed impaired driving enforcement was unimportant.
No Significance

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Length of service
  - Law enforcement
  - Ft Wayne
- Do they drink
- How much they drink
Only significant indicator

BELIEF IN IMPORTANCE OF DUI ENFORCEMENT
Conclusions

There is no statistical significance to support the claim that officers who use of alcohol in their off-duty time allow the use of alcohol to interfere with their arrest decision in impaired driving cases.

An officer’s belief in the importance of impaired driving enforcement was the sole determinant of their enforcement level.
## Results of stepped up enforcement

- **STORM**
- Checkpoint Tennessee
- Wisconsin
- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- DUI New York
- DUI Ohio
- OPO Indiana
- Stockton Study
Crash trends

Drunk Driving Fatalities Reach Historic Low

Trends

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<td>↓ 53%</td>
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Data Source: NHTSA/FARS, 12/12
Impaired driving enforcement is the one area of law enforcement where you are doing exactly what you swore you would do!

SAVING LIVES!!!
My Department - Muncie

- Three officers killed in nineteen month period

- Double fatality with the rippling effect
### My Department - Muncie

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<td>1988 - 1990</td>
<td>26 people killed in AIC</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>216 DUIs made by PD</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>1381 DUIs made</td>
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<td>1995 – 1997</td>
<td>less injury crashes than any month in 1990</td>
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Over the last four decades, the number of officers killed by impaired drivers has increased by 43 percent (99 in 2000s v. 69 in 1970s).

This increase has occurred while drunk driving deaths in the U.S. have declined 44 percent.
Opt to arrest


Importance of training

- **DUI Defense College**
- 3.4 Million hits on DUI Defense
- **DUI Defense Tactics**
- Beat a **DUI**
Take home messages

- Traffic Enforcement, especially DUI enforcement really is law enforcement.

- Rely on your knowledge of the importance of what you are doing.

- Be a force multiplier! Take responsibility to motivate other officers.

- You are saving lives. Don’t lose sight of the good you are doing!
Questions???

Good luck!
Please stay safe!

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