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Law Enforcement Conference Examines Missouri Traffic Safety *2011 LETSAC Conference July 11-15*

Lake Ozark, MO – Traffic safety is the focus of a state law enforcement conference being held at the Resort at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, Missouri this week.

“The conference is a solid one-week training experience that drives home the importance of traffic safety to officers,” said Kip McGrath, board chairman for the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LETSAC).

Officers from throughout Missouri will receive up to 24 POST credit hours in traffic safety topics such as drugs that impair, rolling meth labs, officer roadside safety, commercial vehicle enforcement, crash reconstruction and legal issues.

In addition, the conference includes the Second Annual Police Car Show, and the Great Escape Challenge, where officers compete on who can “escape” from a police car in a fully-belted position, dispelling the myth that a seat belt prevents an officer from getting out of a car in an emergency.

A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released earlier this year showed 42% of police officers killed in vehicle crashes over the past three decades were not wearing seat belts.

The 2011 LETSAC Conference is sponsored by LETSAC, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Safety Center.

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