

Oakland drunken driving unit makes 12,000th arrest

October 5, 2007

By GINA DAMRON

FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office has announced that its Alcohol Enforcement Unit — now in its 27th year — recently made its 12,000th drunken driving arrest.

The driver, arrested on Sept. 24 in Highland Township, had four prior alcohol convictions, according to the sheriff's office.

Advertisement

The unit began in 1980 with six deputies and grant money from the federal government and the state. The unit's first drunken driving arrest was made on the first night of its existence in Waterford Township, according to the sheriff's office.

The unit made its 10,000th arrest in Orion Township in 2001.

Now funded by Oakland County, the unit works with community groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving and others to combat drinking and driving and underage drinking and to help implement zero-tolerance programs.

Find this article at:

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071005/NEWS03/71005041>