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Somerset Police Activity for July 4th 2011 Holiday Period

Somerset police officers were extremely busy during the 2011 Independence Day holiday period from 6:00 PM Friday through midnight on July 4th. SPD Officers answered 420 calls for service during the three-day holiday weekend. These calls range from disorderly conduct calls, taking theft reports, to traffic stops. During the same period on 2010 there were only 206 calls.

We saw a reduction in accidents with and without injury this year. Patrol officers worked 8 non-injury traffic accidents and none with injury. In 2010, there were 9 without injury and one with injury.

Nine people were arrested for DUI in 2011, down from 11 in 2010. Two of those DUI arrests were for the operator's third offense. Four people were arrested on a total of 10 counts of drug-related offenses. Officers lodged four people for alcohol intoxication.

The department's Criminal Investigation Division handled the festivities at SomerSplash Water Park on Saturday evening. There were no accidents during event or after the fireworks display concluded despite hundreds of cars and spectators leaving the area. One arrest was made when a spectator was lodged in the Pulaski County Detention Center on an outstanding warrant unrelated to the event.

"Our Patrol Division deserves the credit for a safe holiday weekend in the City of Somerset," said SPD Major Doug Nelson. "Their efforts helped prevent anyone from being hurt by an impaired driver or erratic driving. The safety of our citizens is our number 1 goal."