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NEW DUI COMMAND POST

The **Tucson Police Department Traffic Enforcement Division** is proud to announce the acquisition of the latest tool in its impaired driving enforcement efforts. The Tucson Police Department has received the first of six DUI Vans purchased with funding provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, under the direction of Director Alberto Gutier. The remaining five vehicles have been distributed to other agencies throughout Arizona.

Each vehicle costs approximately \$175,000 and was funded through federal grants that Arizona became eligible for after lowering of the blood alcohol per se limit from .10 to .08 in 2001. The vehicles were designed by Arizona law enforcement officers for Arizona law enforcement officers. The vehicles were purchased from, then outfitted and customized by, local Arizona companies.

The Tucson Police Department's van will be utilized during impaired driving deployments and sobriety checkpoints. The first of these deployments is set to begin on Friday, August 19 as the Department joins over 10,000 officers from across the country to participate in the national Labor Day Impaired Driving Crackdown. Additional officers will be deployed 7 days a week from now through Labor Day weekend. The New DUI Van provides a central location for enforcement efforts, breath testing, phlebotomy and Drug Recognition Evaluations (DRE), allowing more officers to patrol the streets.

The Department will be unveiling the DUI Van to the public on Tuesday, August 23 at 3:00 PM at the Westside Police Service Center at 1310 W. Miracle Mile. The media is invited to attend. Chief Roberto Villaseñor and Director Alberto Gutier from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will be attending. One of the Department's phlebotomists will be conducting a live blood draw for demonstration purposes in the fully equipped DUI van.

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