

# CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

## NORTH CAROLINA



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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DWI Checking Station Nets Numerous Charges**

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Jacksonville Police, along with NC State Highway Patrol, Swansboro Police Department, Surf City Police Department and Richlands Police Department, conducted a sobriety checking station late Thursday night and Friday Morning. Representatives from MADD, Coastal Carolina Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and area District Attorney's offices also participated in the operation.

The station was located at Gum Branch Road between the Western Boulevard Extension and the city limits. The operation netted almost 70 charges and violations to include:

- 8 – DWI's
- 10 – Driving with a revoked license
- 20 – Drug violations
- 3 – Apprehension of wanted persons
- 26 – Other traffic charges

The BAT Mobile Unit (Breath Alcohol Testing) was utilized during the operation. The BAT mobile, an RV modified into a mobile breath testing site, is equipped with breath testing instruments and equipment needed for any law enforcement agency in North Carolina to hold a DWI checking station. It also contains an office for a judge or magistrate to conduct court proceedings at the site of the checking station. It is operated through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch) and is completely funded by the fees paid by DWI offenders.

The checking station is part of an on-going effort under the Governor's Highway Safety Program to reduce driving while impaired traffic violations throughout the state of North Carolina.

The Jacksonville Police Department is committed to providing quality service in partnership with our community. Citizens are encouraged to report suspected illegal activity by calling 911, Jacksonville Police at 455-4000 or Crime Stoppers at 938-3273.

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