

# County after drunk drivers

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Will the bartender pouring "one for the road" become old hat in Oakland County? If that last drink puts a drunk driver on the road, the county sheriff's department and the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) hope "one for the road" becomes obsolete.

The two agencies aim to reduce alcohol-related traffic injuries and deaths in the county by pulling more drinking drivers off the road.

**THE GOAL** is to increase enforcement of drinking/driving laws by 30 percent. They hope that will lead to a similar percentage reduction in personal injury and fatal accidents.

By early 1980, special "alcohol enforcement teams," composed of sheriff's deputies and local police officers, will patrol areas that have a high incidence of drinking-related accidents.

The areas haven't been revealed yet, but will likely be in more heavily populated southern Oakland County.

One of TIA's goals is to "improve the quality of enforcement in drinking/driving offenses in communities of 25,000 and over."

"WE'RE NOT out to catch people," said TIA Director Bruce Madsen, whose office is on Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, "but to point out the seriousness of the problem and get them to modify their drinking and driving accordingly."

The sheriff's office and TIA, a privately-funded agency, have recently received the first seven months funding (\$265,281) for the \$1.2 million four-year program called the Alcohol Enforcement/Education Project.

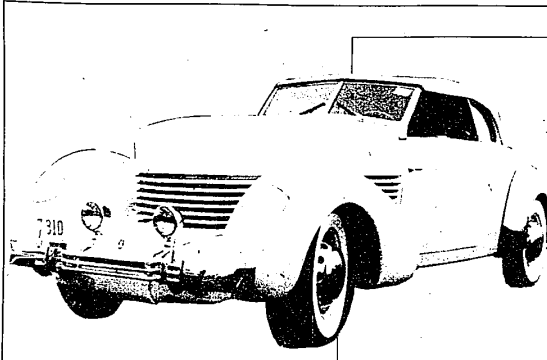
The project was approved by the state Office of Highway Safety Planning, which administers federal money for such programs. It will begin Oct. 1 with the training of 75 county deputies and local police officers in detecting the drinking driver.

The sheriff's department will provide the equivalent time of six full-time deputies for the special alcohol enforcement teams and will train local police. Deputies and police will be rotated among the special squads.

WHILE A controversial "check lane" operation was dropped from the project this summer, the special squads plan to give breathalyzer tests and process arrests near the areas they're patrolling.

The check lane, a special lighted lane off the side of a road, was ruled illegal in an out-of-state case heard earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court. The court said drivers could not be randomly pulled off the road as part of a selective traffic enforcement program.

But the sheriff's department will purchase much of the same equipment as would be used in a check lane — three breathalyzers, two mobile generators, two light stanchions and six floodlights.



## Vintage vehicles

### The common to classic are at Cobo

If you've never been to a collector-car auction, Detroit's Cobo Hall is the place to be Sept. 29-30 when hundreds of cars worth \$3,000 to \$150,000 go on the auction block to be sold to the highest bidder.

Collector cars, the latest glamour investment, are vehicles being bought and sold for their appreciating value. Some gain value faster than gold, paintings or rare stamps and coins. Included are classics, antiques, customs, sports cars and milestone cars, such as the early Corvettes and Mustangs.

For example, a 1953 Corvette sold for about \$5,200 in 1969, but today is worth more than \$25,000. A 1957 Ford Thunderbird was valued at about \$1,800 in 1969 but today commands \$20,000.

If you were lucky enough to own a true classic such as a 1929 Ford Cabriolet back in 1969, it was worth \$9,500. However, the same car today is bringing \$68,000 on the auction block. Or, maybe you own a 1931 V-16 Cadillac Phaeton Convertible. Ten years ago it was worth only \$20,000 but today it's worth \$150,000 in perfect condition.

But the grand daddy of them all is the 1929 Duesenberg Phaeton. At collector car auctions in 1969, this car went for \$30,000. Recently, this classic's price tag has climbed to a record \$220,000.

NOT ALL collector cars are the rare, high priced breeds, however. Most are vehicles anyone can afford and are in the \$3,000-\$7,000 range.

For instance, 1965 Ford Mustang convertibles are still popular cars. They were worth from \$600 to \$1,000 in 1969. Today, the average auction price is \$3,700.

The same is true for other "common" cars. A perfect condition 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible goes for \$4,500; and 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Aires from \$5,000-\$7,000, and a 1957 Ford hard-top convertible from \$7,000-\$9,000.

Examples of many of these vehicles will be at the auction in Hall C at Cobo Hall. The auction is open to the public for viewing and bidding. General admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under.

If you plan to bid on a car, you may be registering at the bidders desk during vehicle move-in on Friday from noon to 7 p.m. or during the auction on Saturday or Sunday.

If you would like to sell a vehicle at the auction, come to Cobo Hall during move-in or during the weekend. The auction hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with bidding from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

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