

**Creating Impaired Driving  
General Deterrence on a  
Limited Budget**

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 **Low Manpower Checkpoints**

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
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 **Administrative Support**

- Agency
  - Little to no impact on coverage
  - Little to no extra cost to agency
  - Effective highly visible way to reduce impaired driving
- Judges and Prosecutors
  - Explain idea behind high visibility enforcement
  - Invite them to participate

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
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 **Staffing**

- **Safety**
- Check line Officer (s)
- Traffic control
- Volunteers
- Duty officers

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
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 **Funding**

- **Grants**
- State Office of Highway Safety
- State Department of Roads

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
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 **Equipment**

- Beg, borrow and *strategically relocate*
- Grant funding
- State/County/City Department of Roads
- Miscellaneous necessities

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
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### Checkpoint Plans

- Don't re-create the wheel
- Plan for shut downs
- Plan for assistance
- **Volunteer Safety**
- **Officer Safety**

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### Media

- Make it a big production the first time out
- Continually involve them
- Get your own coverage

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
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### Checkpoint Duration

- Five hours
  - Brief
  - Setup
  - Operations
  - Break down
  - De-brief
- Why only two hours
  - No rest for the wicked
  - Phone trees

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
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### Checkpoint Locations

- Traffic flow
- Traffic enforcement statistics
- Lighting
- Off roadway check line

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
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### Criminal Investigations

- Move them out of the check line
- Have duty officers transport if possible

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
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### Checkpoints in Your Agency

Your Low Manpower Checkpoint does not need to look like something off of Reno 911.

They can have a very low impact on coverage, not burden the budget and still be a highly effective deterrent to impaired driving

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