

**NEW DRUNK DRIVING PENALTIES
AND INSURANCE SURCHARGES**

**DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE
OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS (DWI)**

Court Imposed Fines and Penalties

First Offense
loss of license six months to one year
fine \$250--\$400
possible jail 30 days

Second Offense
loss of license two years
fine \$500--\$1,000
community service 30 days
possible jail 90 days

Third Offense
loss of license 10 years
fine \$1,000
jail 180 days

Chemical Test Refusal

First Offense
loss of license six months
fine \$250--\$500

Second Offense
loss of license two years
fine \$250--\$500

CONVICTION SURCHARGES

In addition to the court imposed fines and penalties, anyone arrested and convicted of DWI or a chemical test refusal on or after January 1, 1983, is subject to an insurance surcharge of \$1,000 a year for three years (\$3,000). Failure to pay the surcharge will result in indefinite suspension of all driving privileges. The surcharge will be imposed whether the offense occurs in New Jersey or some other state.

In addition, anyone arrested and convicted of DWI on or after February 9, 1984, will be subject to a single \$100 enforcement surcharge payable to the court along with the required fine.

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REMARKS OF

THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN

AT THE

RIVER DELL HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FOR

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO NEW JERSEY

ORADELL, NEW JERSEY

JUNE 20, 1984

THANK YOU.

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO WELCOME
PRESIDENT REAGAN TO NEW JERSEY.

BUT IT'S NOT ONLY AN HONOR FOR ME -- IT'S AN HONOR FOR
NEW JERSEY, AND IT'S AN HONOR FOR ALL OF YOU.

DRUNK DRIVING IS ONE OF AMERICA'S LEADING KILLERS.
PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS CHOSEN TO COME HERE BECAUSE OF YOUR
FINE WORK IN STOPPING IT. HE HAS CHOSEN TO COME HERE
BECAUSE FIGHTING DRUNK DRIVING IS ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH NEW
JERSEY LEADS THE NATION.

WHEN I CAME HERE TO BERGEN COUNTY LAST DECEMBER TO SIGN SOME ANTI-DRUNK DRIVING BILLS, I POINTED OUT THAT BERGEN COUNTY -- WHICH HAD CUT ALCOHOL RELATED AUTOMOBILE DEATHS BY 30% FROM 1982 TO 1983 -- SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE STATE.

WELL IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, NEW JERSEY HAS CUT ITS DRUNK DRIVING RELATED DEATHS BY 30%. WE HAVE RAISED OUR DRINKING AGE. WE HAVE INCREASED PENALTIES FOR DRUNK DRIVERS. WE HAVE INCREASED ENFORCEMENT, BOTH THROUGH INCREASING FUNDS TO LOCAL POLICE AND THROUGH OPERATION CHECKPOINT, WHICH HELPED US CUT DRUNK DRIVING DEATHS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BY 43%.

WE HAVE DONE THESE THINGS FOR A REASON: BECAUSE THEY SAVE LIVES.

AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE SAVED LIVES, WE IN NEW JERSEY ARE NOW SERVING AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE NATION.

MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. IT WOULD HELP IF OUR NEIGHBORING STATES WOULD ADOPT OUR HIGHER DRINKING AGE. IN THAT RESPECT, I HEARTILY APPLAUD THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO ENDORSE A UNIFORM NATIONAL DRINKING AGE OF 21.

THE POINT IS THAT WE CAN HELP WITH THAT UNFINISHED
AGENDA. IN FACT, TODAY, WE ARE HELPING.

SO IN WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT, I'D LIKE MOST OF ALL TO
CONGRATULATE YOU -- EVERYONE HERE AT RIVER DELL HIGH SCHOOL,
MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING, R.I.D., THE P.T.A. -- FOR ALL
YOU HAVE DONE AND FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE STILL DOING.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. OUR LIVES, AND OUR CHILDREN'S
LIVES, DEPEND ON IT.

THANK YOU.