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Indiana Cops Receive 1,759 Portable Breath Tests

State and federal officials announce the delivery of 1,759 portable breath tests to assist 150 local law-enforcement agencies across Indiana. The devices were purchased with just over \$750,000 in National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) impaired-driving funds administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

“NHTSA is proud to be part of this very large purchase of portable breath tests, which will help fight the scourge of impaired driving,” said John Balser, NHTSA regional deputy administrator. “Thank you to the ICJI and forward-thinking law-enforcement agencies across Indiana for your participation in this effort.”

Law-enforcement officers are receiving the new Alco-Sensor FSTs, mouthpieces and gas canisters used to calibrate the readings. The new devices include passive sniffers that can sense alcohol in the air around a person or an open container. Over the coming year, an additional \$310,000 is budgeted to purchase 725 portable breath tests for Indiana State Police posts.

“More state, county and local law-enforcement officers across Indiana will have updated portable breath tests to help establish probable cause when arresting drunk drivers,” said ICJI Executive Director Dave Murtaugh. “Officers will put these devices to good use this coming holiday season to ensure motorists celebrate responsibly and reach family and friends safely.”

NHTSA grants administered by ICJI will fund overtime patrols leading up to – and through – the Thanksgiving travel holiday. More than 230 law-enforcement agencies across Indiana will be conducting sobriety checkpoints, roving patrols and saturation patrols.

In every state and the District of Columbia, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year.

Police will be arresting impaired drivers and aggressively targeting those who put lives in danger. A DUI arrest means going to jail and losing your driver’s license. The average DUI cost? About \$10,000, including car towing and repairs, attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work and other hefty expenses.

For more information, visit <http://one.nhtsa.gov/drivesober>.

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Law-Enforcement Agency	PBTs
Drug Recognition Experts - Statewide	150
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	100
Gary Police Department	90
Fort Wayne Police Department	75
Bloomington Police Department	50
Shelby County Sheriff's Department	45
City of Marion Police Department	42
Monroe County Sheriff's Office	40
Michigan City Police Department	30
New Haven Police Department	29
Lake County Sheriff Department	25
St Joseph County Police Department	25
Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office	25
Carmel Police Department	20
Dyer Police Department	20
Lafayette Police Department	20
Mishawaka Police Department	20
Muncie Police Department	20
Terre Haute Police Department	20
Evansville City Police	18
Lawrenceburg Police Department	16
Adams County Sheriff's Office	15
City of Fishers Police Department	15
Elkhart Police Department	15
Grant County Sheriff	15
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	15
Hammond Police Department	15
Hobart Police Department	15
Lawrence County Sheriff's Department	15
Nappanee Police Department	15
New Albany Police Department	15
South Bend Police Department	15
Vincennes Police Department	15
Chesterton Police Department	14
Randolph County Sheriff's Department	14

Sellersburg Police Department	14
White County Sheriff's Department	13
Decatur County Sheriff Department	12
LaPorte County Sheriff's Office	12
Morgan County Sheriff's Office	12
West Lafayette Police Department	12
Boone County Sheriff Office	11
City of Kokomo Police Department	10
Connersville Police Department	10
Decatur Police Department	10
Ellettsville Police Department	10
Greensburg Police Department	10
Howard County Sheriff Department	10
Jeffersonville Police Department	10
Marshall County Sheriff's Department	10
Noblesville Police Department	10
Portage Police Department	10
Posey County Sheriff	10
Princeton Police Department	10
Speedway Police Department	10
St. John Police Department	10
Steuben County Sheriff	10
Valparaiso Police Department	10
Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office	10
Westfield Police Department	10
Crawfordsville Police Department	9
Syracuse Police Department	9
Whiting Police Department	9
Clark County Sheriff's Office	8
Clinton County Sheriff Office	8
Highland Police Department	8
Madison Police Department	8
Munster Police Department	8
Vermillion County Sheriff's Office	8
Cedar Lake Police Department	7
Lake Station Police Department	7

Ogden Dunes Police Department	7
Winona Lake Police Department	7
City of Warsaw Police Department	6
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department	6
Kouts Police Department	6
Merrillville Police Department	6
Porter County Sheriff's Office	6
Tell City Police Department	6
Walkerton Police Department	6
Winchester Police Department	6
Attica Police Department	5
Ball State University Police	5
Bartholomew County Sheriff	5
Batesville Police Department	5
Beech Grove Police Department	5
Berne Police Department	5
Bremen Police Department	5
Cass County Sheriff	5
Crown Point Police Department	5
Daleville Police Department	5
Daviess County Sheriff's Office	5
DeKalb County Sheriff's Department	5
Dubois Co. Sheriff Department	5
Garrett Police Department	5
Griffith Police Department	5
Jennings County Sheriff's Office	5
Ligonier City Police Department	5
Madison County Sheriff's Department	5
Martinsville Police Department	5
Miami County Sheriff's Office	5
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	5
New Chicago Police Department	5
North Manchester Police Department	5
Plymouth Police Department	5
Town of Porter Police	5
Washington County Sheriff's Department	5
Yorktown Police Department	5
Allen County Police Department	4
Benton County Sheriff Department	4
Bluffton Police Department	4

Butler Police Department	4
Edgewood Police Department	4
Frankfort Police	4
Gas City Police Department	4
Huntington Co. Sheriff's Department	4
Lebanon Police Department	4
Lowell Police Department	4
North Vernon Police Department	4
Pike County Sheriff's Office	4
Westport Police Department	4
Zionsville Police Department	4
Albion Police Department	3
Bristol Police Department	3
Chesterfield Police Department	3
Culver Police Department	3
Elkhart County Sheriff's Department	3
Goshen Police Department	3
Hartford City Police Department	3
Ingalls Police Department	3
La Porte Police Department	3
Rensselaer Police Department	3
Wabash County Sheriff's Department	3
Wakarusa Police Department	3
Anderson University Police	2
Brookville Police Department	2
Cicero Police Department	2
Geneva Police Department	2
Greentown Police Department	2
Hebron Police Department	2
Leavenworth Police Department	2
Lynn Police Department	2
St. Paul Police Department	2
Warren Police Department	2
Winfield Police Department	2
Dana Police Department	1
Lakeville Police Department	1
Mentone Police Department	1
Monon Police Department	1
Paoli Police Department	1
TOTAL	1,759