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DRUNK DRIVING IN AMERICA

- Alcohol-impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in the U.S. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2003)
- Nearly 17,000 people die in alcohol-related traffic crashes (NHTSA, 2005)
- In 2001, more than half a million people were injured in crashes where police reported that alcohol was present — an average of one person injured approximately every minute. (Blincoe, Seay et al., 2002)
- An estimated three of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic crash at some time in their lives. (NHTSA, 2001)
- Research shows that alcohol-related crashes cost the public an estimated \$114.3 billion annually—this includes an estimated \$63.2 billion lost in quality of life due to these crashes. (Taylor, Miller, and Cox, 2002)
- The societal costs of alcohol-related crashes average \$1.00 per drink consumed. People other than the drinking driver paid \$0.60 per drink. (Taylor, Miller, and Cox, 2002)
- Approximately 1.4 million drivers were arrested in 2001 for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. This is an arrest rate of 1 for every 137 licensed drivers in the United States (NHTSA, 2003).

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