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12th ANNUAL “MARYLAND REMEMBERS” CEREMONY
HONORS VICTIMS OF IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES

***NOVEMBER 7TH ANNAPOLIS EVENT ALSO CALLS FOR
SAFETY IN ADVANCE OF HOLIDAY SEASON***

Annapolis, MD, October 14 – The Maryland nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Highway Safety Office (MHSO) and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) invites all victim families and friends who have lost a loved one to an impaired driving related crash to attend the 12th-annual “Maryland Remembers” memorial ceremony. The event honors the lives of those killed on Maryland roads at the hands of impaired drivers. This year’s event takes place on Saturday, November 7th in Annapolis, Maryland.

Over the last decade, impaired drivers in Maryland have killed, on average, more than 170 people each year. Every death represents a needless tragedy and leaves a lasting impact on Maryland’s communities.

“This event is a chance to help families and friends heal from their losses,” said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP’s President. “It also gives us a chance to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk or drugged driving – especially in advance of the holiday season -- and the fact that irresponsible decisions can have a deadly, lasting impact.”

Family members and friends are encouraged to bring framed pictures of loved ones to the memorial for a procession to honor their lives.

- **WHAT:** 12th-Annual “Maryland Remembers” Memorial Ceremony

- **WHEN:** **Saturday, November 7, 2015**
Registration begins at 10:00 am
Procession w/ families & MD Law Enforcement Officers begins at 11 am

- **WHERE:** **Miller Senate Building, 11 Bladen Street in Annapolis, Maryland**
(All attendees must RSVP by going to www.marylandremembers.com and completing the registration. If attendees don't have access to the internet, they may call the Maryland Highway Safety Office to register at 410-787-4050.

The annual "Maryland Remembers" ceremony is supported by a grant from the MHSO to the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

Maryland's Toward Zero Deaths campaign focuses on preventing impaired driving, aggressive driving, and distracted driving, while also promoting seat belt use. For more information on the Toward Zero Deaths campaign, please visit www.towardzerodeathsmd.com.

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