If You Drink and Drive in 2009 – You Will Be Caught - Fact Sheet attached

Territorians have been put on notice that if they drink and drive in 2009 – they will be caught.

Acting Transport Minister Chris Burns said the end of 2008 brought to an end a tragic year with 75 people killed on Northern Territory roads compared to 57 last year. It is the worst road toll since 1987 when there were 84 deaths on our roads.

“This new year must bring with it a reduction in the carnage on our roads,” Dr Burns said.

“Territorians must change their attitudes to driving if we are to reduce these horrific statistics. So many of the deaths on our roads are preventable – too many people are killed as a result of speeding, drinking and not buckling up.”

Dr Burns said the Government will continue with its road safety reform agenda in 2009, which will include education and media campaigns.

Alcohol ignition locks will also be mandatory for repeat drink drivers and a new Graduated Driver Licensing System will be introduced to help better prepare young drivers for the road. A new and improved road safety curriculum will also be provided in our schools.

“Police will continue to crack down on people who break the road rules – particularly drink drivers. Enforcement is the number one priority for police,” Dr Burns said

“More people will be breath tested in 2009 than ever before. We have committed to grow the Police Force by a further 80 officers and this increase will mean more police on patrol and on the road.

“If you drink and drive in 2009 you will get caught.”
Fact sheet on 2008 road toll factors attached.

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