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**Operation Rolling Thunder
reaches half-way mark**

Operation Rolling Thunder, a combined crackdown by numerous law enforcement agencies on drunken drivers, speeders and other traffic violators in Houston County, has netted 149 arrests for driving under the influence since it began Nov. 6.

Other citations issued to date include 150 tickets for seat-belt violations, 164 citations for child safety-seat violations and 28 warnings for seat-belt and child safety-seat violations, according to a release from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The totals released Monday followed a weekend crackdown in Houston County — part of a 90-day effort targeting communities that have made the "Deadly Dozen" list of crashes. Houston County reported 11 fatalities prior to the enforcement effort and has had none since it began.

— *Becky Purser*