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NEWS RELEASE For Immediate Release

L.P.D. PARTNERS WITH LOCAL TOW SERVICES FOR "OPERATION SAFE TOW"

Lexington, S.C. (May 20, 2016) – Chief Terrence Green is pleased to announce the creation of the "Operation Safe Tow" program with area tow services to give those who may be intoxicated another choice in getting home without getting behind the wheel which risks arrest, injury, or even death.

Chief Terrence Green recently met with tow services from the greater Town of Lexington area, along with representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC), to establish an agreement and guidelines for the "Operation Safe Tow" program. All participating tow services agreed on a set price of \$100 for a vehicle and up to two people to be towed to their residence within 15 miles of the Town of Lexington.

Chief Terrence Green said, *"One of our strategic goals for the Lexington Police Department continues to be to lower the numbers of intoxicated drivers on the roadway to zero and the "Operation Safe Tow" program, along with our already established blue band "Designated Driver" program with the restaurants and bars in the Town of Lexington, gives those who have been drinking every choice and opportunity to make the smart decision and not get behind the wheel while intoxicated.*

The launching of the "Operation Safe Tow" program has been made possible through the strong and continued partnerships with our local tow services along with restaurants and bars within the Town of Lexington who want to make sure their patrons get home safe from a night out."

Participating tow services in the "Operation Safe Tow" program include Boatwright's Paint & Body, Carolina Towing, Wingard Towing Service, Pro Tow of Columbia, Extreme Recovery, Mitchum's Towing, Freedom Towing & Recovery, True Automotive Towing, Corey's of Lexington, Pee Wee's Towing, and A-1 Wrecker Service.

Posters with tow service contact information along with other promotional materials will be given to all restaurants and bars within the Town of Lexington and this program will launch prior to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

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