

## **Vehicles Impounded**

### **Police removed license plates from roughly 20,000 cars last year as a result of DWI enforcement**

From October 2005 to Sept 2006 Minnesota law enforcement agencies issued 16,205 impound requests – requiring individual vehicle owners to turn in plates from all of their vehicles.

Factors:

- First DWI with a blood alcohol content of .20 or higher, or
- First DWI with a child under 16 and more than 18 months younger than the driver, or
- Second DWI within 5 years, or
- Driving on a cancelled license

### **The number of special registration “whiskey” plates issued in Fiscal Year 2005: 9,280**

Factors:

- If the offender has more than one vehicle, they are issued W plates for one vehicle so they can get to work
- The total number of W plates on the road in Fiscal Year 2006 — October 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006: 13,744

**In 2005, there were 36,870 DWI busts and 16,205 impound requests.**

Assuming that a range of 80 percent to 90 percent of impounded plates were DWI-related, and that each DWI owned 1.37 vehicles, it is estimated that 17,000 to 20,000 plates were impounded last year as a result of DWI.