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RE: ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR PRESENTS AT "PROTECTING LIVES, SAVING FUTURES"

OZARK, MO - Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy J. Fite announced today that Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Benjamin J. Miller was invited to speak at the 2012 "Protecting Lives, Saving Futures DWI" conference for the State of Missouri this past week. "Protecting Lives, Saving Futures" is a course that was created by the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) for law enforcement professionals and prosecutors around the nation that focuses on aggressive and effective DWI detection, investigation, and prosecution. Mr. Miller's presentation focused on combating common defense challenges. Mr. Miller also spent time discussing the effectiveness of Christian County's "No Refusal" program and shared ideas and resources to other agencies in order to help them start their own programs.

"It says a lot about our county's high level of DWI prosecution that Mr. Miller was asked to teach officers and prosecutors from around the state at such a well-respected conference that is taught around the nation. It also speaks volumes of Christian County's reputation as a county where drunk drivers are held accountable for their dangerous actions" said Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Fite.

"Protecting Lives, Saving Futures" was hosted by the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services in Columbia, Missouri from March 7th to March 9th. In the three day class, law enforcement professionals and prosecutors are taught advanced DWI topics ranging from drug impairment and toxicology to in-depth scientific studies on field sobriety testing. Officers and Prosecutors are also able to work side by side in a practical sobriety test lab, giving sobriety tests to actual impaired subjects under differing impairment levels.

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