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The Department of Public Safety does not support using specific numbers to communicate work goals for commissioned personnel. However, DPS does expect troopers to do the jobs that Texas taxpayers are paying them to do, which includes protecting Texans from drunk drivers and identity theft. Texas leads the nation in drunk driving fatalities and identity theft is a national security threat. We cannot sacrifice our safety by being soft on these crimes.

In Harris County in 2006, 127 people were killed and 1,431 people were injured in alcohol-related crashes. Because this is a severe problem across the state, the Department of Public Safety has and will continue to aggressively enforce the DWI laws in an effort to make Texas roadways safer.

It should be noted that both memos mentioned by KHOU refer to criminal charges in the Texas Penal Code, not to traffic infractions under the Texas Transportation Code, so the memos do not violate section 720.002 of the Transportation Code, which bans the use of quotas in traffic enforcement.