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## **SENATOR JONATHAN "J.P." PERRY APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S DWI-VEHICULAR HOMICIDE TASK FORCE**

### **READY TO TACKLE THE MOST FATAL PROBLEM AFFECTING LOUISIANA'S ROADWAYS**

District 26 State Senator Jonathan "J.P." Perry (R-Kaplan), a former police officer and prosecutor, has been appointed to the Governor's DWI - Vehicular Homicide Task Force, which serves to address problems regarding the high incidence rate of drunk or drugged driving, identification of multiple DWI offenders, refusal of drivers to submit to breath and/or field sobriety tests, obtaining evidence from drivers who cause alcohol involved crashes and the arrest and prosecution of impaired drivers.

The 2010 Louisiana Annual Traffic Records Data Report showed that 31,065 DWI arrests were made and alcohol-related fatalities accounted for 43 percent of all crash deaths, five percentage points lower than in 2009. While 2011 data has yet to be finalized, this number is expected to continue to decrease. Sen. Perry, who has introduced and authored numerous bills addressing the high amount of DWI arrests in the state, says he is honored to have the opportunity to continue to work toward reducing DWI arrests and alcohol-related crashes - resulting in safer highways and safer communities for citizens.

"I'm honored to be appointed to such an important and crucial task force. This task force is made up of intelligent, hard working professionals from many different occupations. I hope my experience as a former police officer and former prosecutor can add to the dialogue," said Sen. Perry. "We all have the same goal - to save lives and deter impaired driving."

Sen. Perry will also serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Judiciary C Committee and as a member of the Senate Local and Municipal Affairs, Retirement and Senate and Governmental Affairs committees for the 2012 legislative term.

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