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## **6-State Trooper Project to kick-off multi-state enforcement effort this weekend**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio State Highway Patrol will join forces with other members of the 6-State Trooper Project to focus efforts on distracted driving enforcement statewide. The high-visibility enforcement effort begins Sunday, July 20 at 12:01 a.m. and continues through Saturday, July 26 at 11:59 p.m.

In 2013, 56 people died due to driver distractions, including phone, texting, electronic communication, other electronic device, other inside vehicle and external distraction. The Patrol is looking to lower this death count through increased awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and focused enforcement on the roadways.

“The Patrol is serious about eliminating threats on roadways, and we’re proud of this collaborative, multi-state effort,” said Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol superintendent. “By cracking down on distracted driving, we are making Ohio and surrounding states safer.”

The 6-State Trooper Project includes the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Kentucky State Police, Indiana State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, West Virginia State Police and the Michigan State Police.

It is a multi-state law enforcement partnership aimed at providing combined and coordinated law enforcement and security services in the areas of highway safety, criminal patrol and intelligence sharing.

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