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Ohio Law Enforcement Announces Checkpoint Weekend Results

OVI Checkpoint Weekend Component of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown

(COLUMBUS) – Ohio law enforcement agencies were out in full force last weekend conducting checkpoints as part of the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* crackdown on impaired driving.

Law enforcement from jurisdictions across the state joined together and held more than 40 checkpoints between Aug. 19 and 21. The checkpoints took place in those areas with the highest numbers of alcohol-related deaths, injuries and arrests. They are designed to not only deter impaired driving, but to remove these dangerous drivers from our roadways. Results from participating agencies include:

Number of Vehicles through Checkpoint – 21,109
Number of Vehicles Checked – 18,968
Number of Vehicles Diverted – 597
Number of OVI Arrests Age 20 and Under – 10
Number of OVI Arrests Age 21 and Older – 76
Number of Other Citations – 271
Number of Felony Arrests (non-warrants) – 7

Lead agencies participating in OVI Checkpoint Weekend included: Aurora Police Department; Cincinnati Police Department; Dayton Police Department; Garfield Heights Police Department; Miami Twp. Police Department; Ohio State Highway Patrol; Perry Twp. Police Department; Stark County Sheriff's Office; Sylvania Twp. Police Department; Trotwood Police Department and West Chester Police Department. The Clark County OVI Task Force, Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force, Franklin County DUI Task Force and Trumbull County OVI Task Force also participated.

The national *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* crackdown is a program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity. It is locally administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), which funds a majority of the enforcement hours through federal funds from NHTSA. The enforcement blitz lasts through Labor Day.

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ODPS works to reduce alcohol-related deaths and injuries and keep Ohio's roads safe through the efforts of the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) which enforces liquor, tobacco and food stamp laws in liquor permit premises and the Ohio State Highway Patrol which enforces traffic laws on the road. OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio through research, technology and grants. OCJS coordinates and funds the efforts of DUI Task Forces and grants for local law enforcement and safety partners to combat impaired and unsafe driving and promotes educational programs, coalition-building efforts and campaigns focused on highway safety.