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Reporting Ohio's Habitual DUI Offenders

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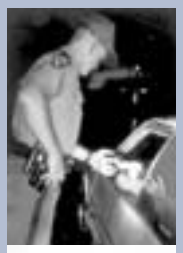

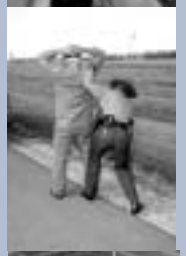

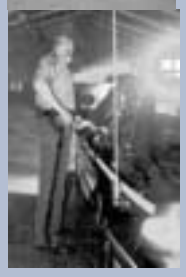

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Program-to-Date Totals

August 1, 1991 to November 30, 2001

- 11,240 arrests of habitual offenders (five or more convictions)
- 49,095 calls were placed to 1-800-GRAB-DUI

THE WORST

Madison Twp. Police Dept. Patrolman Brian L. Schwotzer arrested Ivor M. Rusk, Jr. for his **THIRTEENTH DUI** offense. He was traveling 25 mph in a 50 mph zone. He made an illegal u-turn and was stopped. He refused the BAC.

Ironton Post Patrolman Joe Ross arrested Delmar Jenkins, 43, for his **TWELFTH DUI** offense on 11/24/01. He tested .197

Elyria Post Tpr. David Dylag arrested Charles Lindo, 31, for his **ELEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/03/01.

Berea Police Dept. Patrolman Patrick Greenhill arrested Donald Palmer, 41, for his **TENTH DUI** offense on 11/17/01. He was observed weaving and failed all sobriety tests when stopped.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol 1-800-GRAB-DUI and *DUI reporting programs

Information about habitual offenders and drinking drivers who pose a threat to highway safety is continually sought from the public. In 1991, a toll-free hot line (1-800-GRAB-DUI) to receive calls from anywhere in the state was instituted. In August 1993, the cellular *DUI system was introduced as a way for motorists to report alcohol impaired drivers, as well as roadside emergencies. Through the combination of both numbers, citizens are encouraged to call to report drunk drivers, as well as drivers who continue to operate a motor vehicle in spite of convictions and license suspensions for impaired driving.

The phone lines are being publicized in media releases, through the display of license plates and bumper stickers on patrol cars, and via the distribution of flyers and telephone stickers to the public. The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety combined their resources to place highway signs near interstate rest areas; stating "Report Drunk Drivers 1-800-GRAB-DUI/Cellular Dial *DUI Free Air Time". The Patrol plans to continue to use public service announcements, flyers, and phone stickers in mass mailings from cellular telephone companies to their clients, all of which are expected to promote further use of the hot line.

From August 1991 through September 2001, the 1-800-GRAB-DUI lines (as well as the newer *DUI cellular lines) generated 55,438 calls reporting dangerous drivers.

LOCAL ARRESTS

Brooklyn Heights Police Dept. Patrolman Lou Szczudlo arrested David B. Phillips, 47, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/09/01. He was charged with felony DUI, DUS, open container, weaving, improper registration and falsification.

Celina Police Dept. Patrolman Ronald Waltmire arrested Kevin N. Miller, 44, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/08/01. Waltmire observed Miller striking a parked car and then speeding away. He failed to stop, began weaving and ran a traffic light.

Georgetown Police Dept. Patrolman Todd Waits arrested Steven W. Jones, 35, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/08/01.

Hillsboro Police Dept. Officer Randy Reffitt arrested Thomas Griffith, 51, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/01/01. He tested .365 BAC.

Louisville Police Dept. Patrolman Darin Icardi arrested Ronald Dickey, 49, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/18/01. He tested .139 BAC.

Mogadore Police Dept. Patrolman Zehner arrested Wayne H. Kisner, 34, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/06/01. He tested .319 BAC.

Montpelier Police Dept. Patrolman Steve Schlosser arrested Jesse D. Friedel, 35, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 12/02/01. Friedel failed to yield the right of way at an intersection, causing oncoming traffic to come to a complete stop.

Portsmouth Police Dept. Officers Mike Hamilton and Steve Brewer arrested Stacy Lee Jenkins, 30, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/28/01. He tested .131 BAC.

Reynoldsburg Police Dept. Officer James Rodgers arrested Scott W. Winkelman, 42, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 12/02/01. He was weaving and made several improper turns.

Stow Police Dept. Sgt. Jeff Film arrested Eric L. Eaton, 36, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 10/20/01. Eaton was stopped for weaving and driving left-of-center. He was also charged with possession of marijuana.

Stow Police Dept. Patrolman Todd Wollenzier arrested James W. Guth, 40, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 09/01/01. Guth was stopped for driving left-of-center. When asked how much he had to drink, Guth replied, "A few more than I should have."

Toledo Police Dept. Officer Amanda Evans arrested Douglas L. Wotring, 45, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 12/04/01. Wotring was invovled in a hit-skip non-injury crash.

Willoughby Hills Police Dept. Patrolman Craig Anderson arrested Eddie D. Beard, 37, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/23/01. It was later discovered that Beard was involved in a hit-skip accident.

More Common Myths About Drinking and Driving

MYTH: All that publicity about drinking and driving is a bunch of hype.
There has been a large societal emphasis on drinking and driving for decades, and that probably has been a large contribution to the significant reduction in alcohol-related automobile crashes. We have a long way to go, and this is helped by every person who chooses not to drink and drive and who tries to keep others from drinking and driving.

MYTH: I'm not responsible for someone who cannot control their drinking.
We all have a responsibility to try to take care of one another. This is best done when a person hasn't had too much to drink. Further, the host of a party does have a lot more responsibility for the behavior of their guests.

MYTH: Alcohol-related "accidents" are just that-"accidents".
Alcohol-related incidents are called "crashes" and not "accidents" because they were preventable. A true "accident" is not preventable; where alcohol is involved, this could have been avoided. Similarly, if seat belts are not used, or if excessive speed or reckless driving is involved, these are also crashes.

MYTH: Most of today's youth do not drink.
In fact, the vast majority of young people do drink alcohol, although Ohio does have a legal drinking age of 21. Some youth drink more often and more heavily than others. Unfortunately, young people have started drinking earlier, being unaware of many of the health and safety dangers associated with youthful drinking. *(adapted from Virginia DMV)*

ATTENTION LAW ENFORCEMENT

If you have any photos or interesting articles regarding DUI, please send them to

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OSHP ARRESTS

Athens Post Tpr. Matthew Tharp arrested Joseph McDaniel, 34, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/25/01.

Athens Post Tpr. Bret Henderson arrested Scott Webb, 36, for his **EIGHTH DUI** offense on 11/29/01.

Athens Post Tpr. Travis Woodyard arrested Russell Cremeans, 38, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/30/01.

Bucyrus Post Tpr. Aaron Vollmer arrested James Puchta, 56, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/10/01.

Bucyrus Post Tpr. Brandon Spaulding arrested Donald Miller, 54, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/12/01.

Cambridge Post Tpr. Mark Masters arrested John Neuhart, Jr., 44, for his **NINTH DUI** offense on 11/18/01.

Chardon Post Trooper K. Hall arrested Maro A. Passalacque, 32, for his **NINTH DUI** offense on 12/05/01.

Circleville Post Tpr. Heath Strawser arrested Phillip Hall, 41, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/03/01.

Circleville Post Tpr. Christopher Lopez arrested Billy Leavell, 58, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/23/01.

Circleville Post Tpr. Brian Alloy arrested Anthony Mosley, 39, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/24/01.

Circleville Post Tpr. Roger Cooper arrested William Ogdin, 33, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/11/01.

Defiance Post Tpr. Gregory Harkey arrested Conrado Gonzales, 48, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/03/01.

Elyria Post Sgt. Timothy Jankowski arrested Clifford Horn, 39, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/23/01.

Findlay Post Tpr. Ryan Wilson arrested Michael Greeno, Jr., 35, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/16/01.

Gallipolis Post Tpr. Joshua Risner arrested Risa Sayre, 36, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/04/01. Risner also arrested Leonard Maynard, 42, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/11/01.

Granville Post Tpr. Thomas Dray arrested Sherman Dejarnett, 50, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/09/01. Dray also arrested Todd Eismon, 35, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/09/01.

Granville Post Tpr. Ricardo Jones arrested Michael Delick, 29, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/09/01.

Lancaster Post Tpr. Ronald Raines arrested Charles Forman, 41, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/25/01.

Lebanon Post Tpr. Robert Waulk arrested Tracy Carroll, 40, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/01/01.

Lebanon Post Tpr. Ronald A. Kelvington arrested Glen D. Buckley, 34, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/01/01.

Portsmouth Post Tpr. John Howard arrested Robert Tomlison, 42, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/03/01.

Portsmouth Post Sgt. Christopher Smith arrested Jerry Poling, 36, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/13/01.

Portsmouth Post Tpr. David Richendollar arrested Paul Harrell, 47, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/17/01.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Michael Russell arrested Ira Cohenour, 61, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/07/01.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Thomas Shevlin arrested Joseph Stephens, 43, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/01/01.

Ravenna Post Tpr. Thomas Hermann arrested Glenn Haught, 44, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/30/01.

Sandusky Post Tpr. Jason Demuth arrested Thomas Silver,47, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/01/01. Demuth also arrested Robert McClanahan, 33, for his **SEVENTH DUI** offense on 11/09/01.

Sandusky Post Tpr.Christopher Capizzi arrested Kenneth Kinnison, 43, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/03/01. In addition, Capizzi arrested Roger Dabney, 47, for his **NINTH DUI** offense on 11/13/01 and arrested Arian Alicea, 63, for her **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/13/01.

Toledo Post Tpr. Stephen Zientek arrested James Thompson, 46, for his **FIFTH DUI** offense on 11/16/01.

Toledo Post Tpr. Timothy Koll arrested Mark Cornell, 46, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/16/01.

Warren Post Tpr. Thomas Hermann arrested Rick Lawson, 44, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/30/01.

Wilmington Post Tpr. Kyle Hurles arrested Ted Joslin, 45, for his **SIXTH DUI** offense on 11/24/01.

Impaired Driving

A Message from
Colonel Kenneth L. Morckel, Superintendent, Ohio State Highway Patrol

Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers will be working vigilantly this year to reduce a crime that results in the death of more than 300 people each year in Ohio. The crime is DUI.

In addition to impaired driving enforcement, the Patrol aims to change the perception of DUI in Ohio. Too many drivers refer to driving under the influence of alcohol as a "mistake." Getting behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is not a mistake. DUI is a crime. It is a crime that results in pain and grief for the family and friends of the loved ones lost in alcohol-related crashes.

Impaired driving enforcement has always been a Patrol priority, but it took on a renewed meaning last November when a drunk driver killed one of our own. Trooper Frank Vazquez, 26, of the West Jefferson Post, was killed while patrolling Interstate 270 in Franklin County. On November 5, Tpr. Vazquez was outside of his cruiser issuing a traffic citation when a 1999 GMC Jimmy driven by David Dye, 33, struck his cruiser from behind. Tpr. Vazquez died in the early morning of November 6 from injuries sustained in the crash.

A Patrol toxicology report revealed Dye had a 0.318 blood alcohol level (BAC) when he hit Tpr. Vazquez's cruiser. Driving with a BAC of 0.10 percent is a crime in Ohio. Dye was charged with aggravated vehicular homicide, a second-degree felony. If convicted, he could face up to eight years in prison.

One man's decision to get behind the wheel changed many lives forever. A young widow is left to raise three young children without their father. Their lives have been sadly altered because of DUI.

Unfortunately, Vazquez's story is not unique. Hundreds of lives are lost each year on our highways as the result of alcohol-related crashes, and thousands of loved ones are left to grieve. The grief is especially difficult because lives lost in alcohol-related crashes are preventable. Designate a sober driver, hire a taxi, call a safe ride program, or make arrangements to spend the night where you are drinking.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is a leader in traffic enforcement and has always taken great strides to remove impaired drivers from our highways. However, there is room for improvement, both in Ohio and across the nation, when it comes to reducing DUI.

Nationally, fatalities caused by impaired drivers increased in 2000 for the first time in five years. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics, there were more than 16,500 impaired driving related deaths in 2000, which was an increase of more than 800 deaths from 1999.

During the late 1980s and early 1990s, tremendous progress was made in the reduction of alcohol-related crash fatalities. In Ohio, 623 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes in 1990. That number was reduced to 350 by 2000. While improvements have been made, it is no comfort to the loved ones of those killed in alcohol-related crashes.

Further improvements must be made. One in every four traffic fatalities in Ohio last year was a result of an alcohol-impaired driver.

Last month, the Patrol stepped up DUI enforcement and education for National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. Troopers increased enforcement and encouraged Ohio's media outlets to cover the problem of impaired driving. I would like to continue this level of awareness throughout this new year.

At Tpr. Vazquez's funeral, I vowed the Patrol would be more vigilant than ever in removing drunk drivers from Ohio roads. I intend to lead this effort by keeping the dangers of impaired driving at the forefront of Patrol education and enforcement.

I am asking all Ohioans to join me in making Ohio's roadways a safer place by reducing alcohol-related crashes in Ohio. Designate a driver if you plan to drink, or make other travel arrangements. I urge you to do your part by keeping impaired friends and family from getting behind the wheel. Their lives may depend on it.

It's about safety!

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