



For Immediate Release
St. Patrick's Day Overtime Enforcement

***Local law enforcement, as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol,
will have extra officers on patrol this weekend,
Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18th***

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Lima, Ohio (March 14, 2017) - St. Patrick's Day has become a big night out for many people, but it is also becoming a dangerous night on America's roadways. That is why local law enforcement announced that they will be out cracking down on and arresting drunk drivers this St. Patrick's Day weekend.

The Allen County Sheriff's Office, the Lima Police Department, as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol, will have extra officers on patrol beginning this weekend – Friday and Saturday nights, March 17th and 18th.

If you are attending a St. Patrick's Day celebration and plan on using alcohol:

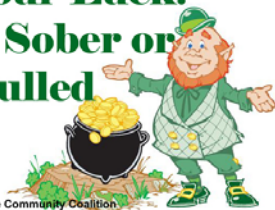
- Designate a sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys;
- Don't starve yourself before or during the party - enjoy the food;
- Buzzed driving is drunk driving - if you have a "buzz", don't even think about getting behind the wheel. Ask a sober friend for a ride home or call a cab, friend, family member to come and get you.

Don't Press Your Luck this St. Patrick's Day; Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Designate a sober driver in advance – before the festivities begin. If you plan on using alcohol, never drive while impaired, never ride with someone who is impaired, and if you think they are impaired - never let your friends drive.

Always buckle up - it's the best defense against impaired drivers.

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