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**Mother's Against Drunk Driving  
330 N. Elizabeth Street, Second Floor  
Lima, OH 45801**

**Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
Top Cop Awards**

*Allen-Hardin-Putnam law enforcement officers  
to be recognized for efforts to stop drunk driving on area roadways.*

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**Event:** Top Cop Awards

**Date:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020  
11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Crime Victim Services, 330 N. Elizabeth Street, Lima

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Lima, Ohio (September 25, 2020): MADD appreciates the efforts of officers who understand the importance of making area roadways safer by enforcing Ohio's drunk driving laws. Because of COVID-19 statewide restrictions, Mothers Against Drunk Driving will recognize Allen-Hardin-Putnam law enforcement officers, who work hard to enforce Ohio's impaired driving laws, during a **Top Cop Award Ceremony, Tuesday, September 29, 11:00 a.m. at Crime Victim Services, 330 N. Elizabeth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.**

As the Allen-Hardin-Putnam law enforcement officer who made the most 2019 OVI arrests, **Trooper Brandon Schreiber, Lima Post - Ohio State Highway Patrol**, will receive the Top Cop Award. During the Award Ceremony, Trooper Schreiber will represent all local Top Cops for their efforts toward making the roadways of Allen, Hardin, and Putnam counties safer. To celebrate the importance of the task performed by these local heroes, over the next several days, MADD members will deliver the remaining awards to the area's Top Cops at their respective agencies.

MADD is a grassroots organization with approximately 2 million members and supporters nationwide. **MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking.** Since it's founding, MADD has helped pass more than 2,300 anti-impaired driving and underage drinking laws. For more information about MADD, or its victim services, please visit [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org) . MADD will connect victims to trained staff and volunteers who can provide emotional support and guidance through the criminal justice system.

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Embargoed Media Advisory  
Top Cop Award Ceremony  
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**2020 MADD Top Cop Winners**

| <b>Jurisdiction</b>                      | <b># 1<br/>officer issuing most OVI<br/>citations in 2019</b> | <b>Years of svc &amp;<br/># of citations</b> | <b>#2<br/>officer issuing 2<sup>nd</sup> most OVI citations<br/>in 2019</b> | <b>OVI<br/>citations</b>                      |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Ada Police Department                    | <b>Patrolman John Iten</b>                                    | 6 OVI arrests –<br>years                     | <b>Patrolman Dan Eldridge</b>   | 3 OVI arrests<br>years                        |
| Allen County Sheriff's Office            | <b>Deputy Robert Wintersteller</b>                            | 33 OVI arrests<br>3 years of service         | <b>Deputy Justin Jolliff</b>  | 27 OVI arrests<br>years of service            |
| Bluffton Police Department               | <b>Officer Dominic Francis</b>                                | 11 OVI arrests<br>4 years                    | <b>Officer Eric Rayle</b>   | 3 OVI arrests<br>2 years                      |
| Delphos Police Department                | <b>Patrolman Chris Hamacher</b>                               | 8 OVI arrests<br>years                       | <b>Sergeant Alec Cooper</b>   | 7 OVI arrests<br>3 ½ years                    |
| Hardin County Sheriff's Office           | <b>Deputy Mason Treen</b>                                     | 30 OVI arrests<br>2.5 Years of svc           | <b>Deputy Christopher Fannon</b>  | 10 OVI arrests<br>6.5 Years of svc            |
| Leipsic PD                               | <b>Officer Robert Fitzgerald</b>                              | 5 OVI arrests<br>4 years                     |   |   |
| Lima PD                                  | <b>Patrolman Scott Luedeke</b>                                | 64 OVI arrests<br>7 years                    | <b>Patrolman Benjamin Kuney</b>   | 49 OVI arrests;<br>3 years                    |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol- Lima Post     | <b>Trooper Brandon Schreiber</b>                              | 106 OVI arrests;<br>3 years                  | <b>Trooper Kenton J. Gibson</b>   | 91 OVI arrests;<br>4 years                    |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol - Findlay Post | <b>Trooper John Madigan</b>                                   | 4 OVI arrests<br>(Hardin County)<br>2 years  | <b>Trooper Damian Roose</b>   | 3 OVI arrests<br>(Hardin County)<br>2.5 years |
| Ottawa PD                                | <b>Officer Shane Vance</b>                                    | 11 OVI arrests<br>3 years of service         | <b>Officer Tyler Benroth</b>  | 4 OVI arrests<br>4 years                      |
| Putnam County Sheriff's Office           | <b>Deputy Chris Verhoff</b>                                   | 43 OVI arrests;<br>2 years                   | <b>Deputy Braden Skilliter</b>  | 17 OVI arrests;<br>2 years                    |
| Shawnee Twp PD                           | <b>Officer Tyler Cramer</b>                                   | 11 OVI arrests<br>2 years                    | <b>Officer Amanda Lucas</b>   | 9 OVI arrests<br>2 years                      |

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