



Media Advisory

Thursday, August 27, 2:00 pm
The Ohio State Highway Patrol Post
2005 E. Fourth Street, Lima

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Ohio State Highway Patrol & Bath Twp Fire/EMS & Safe Communities will be sending an important message – “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”.

August 25, 2020 (Lima, Ohio) – To raise awareness about the risks of impaired driving Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Bath Township Fire/EMS, and the Lima Allen County Safe Community Coalition will meet with the media at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Post, 2005 E. 4th Street.

Now through Labor Day, law enforcement will be out in force as part of the annual nationwide crackdown on impaired driving. “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.”

Across the nation, nearly 11,000 people die every year in impaired driving crashes - that is about one person every 48 minutes. That's the equivalent of 20 jumbo jets crashing, with no survivors. Nationwide, over the typical Labor Day weekend, nearly 40% of fatal crashes involve one or more impaired drivers. Evelyn Smith, Project Director for Safe Communities added: “We can prevent even one more person from dying, or being seriously injured, in an impaired driving crash. It is up to us to choose to make our roads safer. If you choose to drink . . . choose not to drive.”

- Choose to be responsible and don't risk it ... you will be caught.
- If you plan to drink, choose a non-drinking designated driver before going out.
- Choose to take transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Choose to spend the night where the activity is being held.
- Choose to report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Choose to always buckle up – it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

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