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This month in Safe Communities...

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over National Mobilization

The 2021 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" impaired driving national enforcement mobilization goes into effect from August 18th to September 6th, 2021. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), impaired driving is one of the deadliest and most often committed—yet preventable—of crimes, and has become a serious safety epidemic in our country.

Here are some sobering National statistics from NHTSA:

- Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with BACs at or above .08).
- In 2019, there were 10,142 people killed in drunk-driving crashes.
- In 2019, one person was killed every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads.
- Of the traffic fatalities in 2019 among children 14 and younger, 19% (204) occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.
- Among the 10,142 alcohol impaired driving fatalities in 2019, 68% (6,872) were in crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .15 or higher.

Unfortunately, in Tuscarawas County 54% of the fatal crashes in 2020 involved some type of impairment.

Click [here](#) to continue reading about the effects of impaired driving,



Partner Spotlight: Lt. Laura Taylor, Ohio State Highway Patrol

After returning from the military (Gulf War veteran), I began my career with the OSHP in August 1993 as a Radio Dispatcher for the Massillon Post. I entered the OSHP Academy in February 1997 and was commissioned as a Trooper in July 1997. I was assigned to the Sandusky, Mt. Gilead, and Massillon/Canton Posts then became a Criminal Investigator in the Cambridge District from 2004-2012. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2012 to the Cambridge Post then I took a position in our Internal Affairs Office in Columbus which I held until I was recently promoted to Lieutenant as the post commander at the New Philadelphia Post. I am excited to be involved with Safe Communities and look forward to participating in the many events sponsored which partner our agencies in the promotion of traffic safety.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Our mission is to protect life & property, promote traffic safety and provide professional public safety services with respect, compassion, & unbiased professionalism.

The OSHP has been involved with the Safe Communities Coalition since 2017. Over the years we have assisted Safe Communities with numerous events such as the Teen Driving Rodeo, DSOGPO and CIOT Kick Off, seatbelt checks at local high schools, Community Safety Days, speaking engagements, etc. We also attend and provide traffic safety information during Coalition and fatal crash review meetings.

"Back to School" Traffic Safety Reminder

With local school districts returning to the classroom, Safe Communities and the Tuscarawas County Health Department would like to remind motorists to slow down and stay alert. Here are some "Back to School" safe driving tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood.
- Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street with out looking for traffic.

Click [here](#) for more "Back to School" traffic safety tips from NHTSA.

Tuscarawas County Traffic Activity Statistics

This data is pulled from the [Ohio State Highway Patrol](#) and highlights activity from 1/1/2021 - 8/2/2021.

YEAR TO DATE	2021	2020
Enforcement Stops	3,053	1625
Fatal crashes	4	8
Crashes investigated	727	606
OVI enforcement	139	92
Driving under suspension	193	133
Seat belt enforcement	693	414
Distracted driving violations	78	37

Crash Fatality Difference from 2020 to 2021

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* This comparison from Ohio State Highway Patrol shows whether Tuscarawas County crash rates are up or down since 2020.



STAY ALIVE!
don't TXT & drive



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>National DSOGPO Campaign/ Enforcement</i>	19 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	20 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	21 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>
22 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	23 <i>SC News Release DSOGPO Campaign</i>	24 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	25 <i>1:00- Coalition Mtg./Fatal Crash Review</i> 26- <i>3-6- DSOGPO Kick-off @ Tuscarawas Valley Farmers Market</i>	26 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	27 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	28 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>
29 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	30 <i>SC on WBTC @ 8:30AM DSOGPO Campaign</i>	31 <i>DSOGPO Campaign</i>	<i>Motorcycle Awareness March-Sept.</i>		<i>buzzed driving is drunk driving designate a sober driver</i>	<i>IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT</i>

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