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Patrol releases Top 10 areas where troopers are interdicting criminal activity

COLUMBUS – As part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s 24/7 Initiative, today the Patrol released the Top 10 areas where troopers are assisting local law enforcement in reducing criminal activity. The goal of the 24/7 Initiative is for state troopers on every shift, every day, to efficiently reduce fatal and serious crashes through high visibility enforcement, while removing the criminal element from Ohio’s roadways.

In the counties listed below, state troopers recorded the highest number of drug and weapon violations, recovered stolen vehicles and felony arrests and warrants. The Top 10 Criminal Arrest Counties in January and February 2008 include:

County & Rank	Felony Arrests & Warrants	Misdemeanor Warrants & Summons	Stolen Vehicles	Drugs	Weapons	Total
1. Franklin	33	89	4	40	2	186
2. Scioto	28	47	2	36	3	116
3. Butler	11	61	3	34	2	111
4. Stark	10	44	4	23	1	82
5. Montgomery	12	34	6	25	1	78
6. Lorain	7	43	2	24	0	76
7. Richland	6	50	2	16	2	76
8. Clermont	16	31	7	15	0	69
9. Lawrence	14	30	2	20	1	67
10. Guernsey	8	30	2	23	1	64

Statewide, in the first two months of this year, troopers have made 809 drug arrests, 351 felony arrests, recovered 124 stolen vehicles and removed 43 illegal firearms from our roadways.

“Our troopers’ primary goal is to make Ohio roadways safe for motorists. We urge our troopers to look beyond the license plate or initial stop and recognize indicators of criminal activity,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said. “Every time a trooper makes a criminal arrest they are helping to take drugs, weapons and felons out of our communities.”

Through the use of Computer Aided Dispatch, or CAD, the Patrol’s Statistical Analysis Unit is able to pin-point the exact locations of all crime-related arrests made by state troopers. This activity is mapped and provided to Patrol commanders for operational strategic purposes, as well as made available to the public as part of ongoing safety education efforts, on a monthly basis at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

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