

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Patrol video illustrates dangers posed by OVI drivers on Ohio roadways during a 24-hour period**

COLUMBUS – Heading into the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend, the Ohio State Highway Patrol released a new video today to illustrate the dangers impaired drivers pose to motorists on Ohio roads at any given time during the day or night.

The new video – *24-hours of OVI* – depicts actual in-car video segments of OVI arrests made by state troopers during a 24-hour period on May 25 – the Sunday of the recently completed Memorial Day holiday weekend. The video is intended to illustrate that at any given time on Ohio roads impaired drivers are posing a danger to innocent motorists and state troopers are aggressively looking for and apprehending these dangerous criminals.

During the 24 hours of May 25, state troopers arrested 219 motorists for OVI, including at least one arrest every hour with the exception of the 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. hour. The video released today shows a brief clip of one OVI arrest from each of those hours.

“In the United States, every 30 minutes someone is killed by a drunk driver, and every two minutes someone is injured. You, your family or your friends could be next,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent, said. “State troopers and law enforcement officers across the state are committed to making Ohio’s roadways as safe as possible this holiday weekend. We will be aggressively searching for, and removing, impaired drivers before they can cause a tragedy to someone in your family, or someone you know.”

As was the case during Memorial Day weekend, this coming holiday weekend a daily tally of impaired driver arrests, as well as alcohol-involved crashes will be made available to the public at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov> as Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers work toward a weekend free of OVI-related fatal crashes.

Last July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday on Ohio roads, six of the 10 traffic fatalities were alcohol-related during a reporting period that was 1 ¼ days. State troopers arrested 294 impaired drivers, and assisted 3,332 motorists during last year’s holiday period.

Troopers recommend that motorists contact the Patrol by calling 1-877-7-PATROL when they see a disabled vehicle or unsafe driver.

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Note to editors: For the Patrol’s new video – *24-hours of OVI* – contact your Columbus television affiliate, the Patrol’s Public Affairs Unit, or visit <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov>

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