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Highway Patrol and Cincinnati Police Department report highly successful two-month enforcement initiative

CINCINNATI – Cincinnati roads and neighborhoods are safer today because the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Cincinnati Police Department concentrated their efforts in the Cincinnati metro area in a two-month effort that concluded last week. The partnership is part of an ongoing initiative to reduce fatal and injury crashes in urban areas while also apprehending wanted felons and interdicting drugs and weapons.

Working together during the initiative state troopers and Cincinnati Police Officers issued 3,774 traffic citations and 1,581 warnings. They arrested 199 people for OVI, 25 for drug violations and 47 with active warrants. In addition, 67 criminal arrests were made and two stolen vehicles were recovered.

The Highway Patrol worked with the Cincinnati Police Department for the third time after completing several highly successful initiatives over the course of the last two years. The Patrol will partner with the Cincinnati Police in October of this year as part of the continued initiative.

“In addition to showing noticeable reductions in fatal and injury crashes as well as serious alcohol-related crashes on Cincinnati interstates, the increased emphasis on removing dangerous individuals from Hamilton County roads has yielded positive results in and around the city.” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said.

"The partnership of the Cincinnati Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been effective in making our roadways safer. The joint efforts in enforcement and the public information campaign combine to get unsafe motorists off our roads and to spread the message that traffic safety will remain a priority as we enter the summer vacation season," said Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.

The ongoing Cincinnati Metropolitan Area Initiative uses a combination of high-visibility enforcement, multi-agency OVI deterrence, specialized computer mapping and a strategic public information campaign to promote traffic safety on Ohio roads.

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