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Troopers return to the Montgomery County metro area in ongoing enforcement initiative

DAYTON – Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers and Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspectors will be back on roadways in the Montgomery County metro area beginning Monday, June 9, working with Dayton Police Department officers in an ongoing initiative to reduce fatal and injury crashes in urban areas, while also apprehending wanted felons and interdicting drugs and weapons.

The Dayton Area Metropolitan Initiative uses a combination of high-visibility enforcement, specialized computer mapping, and a strategic public information campaign to promote traffic safety on Montgomery County roads. Notably, Dayton police officers and state troopers will be working together and patrolling in the area of Interstate 75 within the construction zone on various days of the week between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Last year, Montgomery County had the fourth highest fatal crashes among all Ohio counties, killing 52 motorists. Of those killed, 15 were killed within the City of Dayton with more than 50 percent being alcohol-related.

“Traffic crash fatalities in urban areas increased across Ohio last year,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said. “In the past, these metro enforcement initiatives demonstrated that concentrated enforcement efforts on metro interstates can produce meaningful declines in fatal and injury crashes.”

Similar and highly successful initiatives have been run in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo in the past several years.

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