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SAFETY PARTNERS TO LAUNCH *DRUNK DRIVING. OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST. CRACKDOWN* High-Visibility Enforcement Effort Seeks to Save Lives

- WHO:** Michael Witter, Regional Administrator, Region V, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Thomas J. Stickrath, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety
Tina O'Grady, Administrator, Ohio Traffic Safety Office
Miami Twp. Police Chief R. Steven Bailey, President, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police
Representative from the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association
Major Russ Johnson, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Representatives from the Franklin County DUI Task Force
Traffic Safety Partners from around the state
- WHAT:** Statewide launch of *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* national crackdown on drunk driving, announcement of Ohio OVI Checkpoint Weekend and the "Joining Forces to Save Lives" partnership.
- WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, 10:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington
175 Hutchinson Ave.
Columbus 43235

Leaders of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and the Ohio Department of Public Safety have come together to address all aspects of safety on our roads and are announcing their "Joining Forces to Save Lives" partnership.

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. **National, state and local leaders are sending a message that cannot be ignored: drunk driving will not be tolerated in Ohio.** More than 900 Ohio law enforcement agencies are joining together for this national crackdown to aggressively search for and remove drunk drivers from Ohio's roads.

The *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

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