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MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORT A SUCCESS *U.S. Route 33 Corridor Enforcement Project Results in No Fatal Crashes*

(COLUMBUS) – A successful high-intensity traffic safety enforcement effort involving law enforcement agencies from Indiana and Ohio along the U.S. Route 33 corridor achieved its goal and stopped impaired, aggressive and speeding drivers as well as encouraged motorists to buckle up over the holiday period.

This corridor enforcement project began on Nov. 23 at noon and concluded Nov. 27 at 9 p.m. During this period, more than 30 participating agencies patrolled the corridor, including Ohio OVI and drug task forces.

“Thanks to the hard work of our law enforcement partners, we were able to keep our roads safe over the holiday weekend,” said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton Moore. “This project and these partnerships are critical to our success and this appears to be a great model to replicate across the state to continue to reduce injuries and save lives.”

U.S. Route 33 runs more than 247 miles in Ohio through 10 counties from Van Wert to Meigs County. During the project hours, there were no fatal or serious injury crashes in the project area. In the combined effort, law enforcement made a total of 1,990 traffic stops, including 816 speeding stops, 102 seatbelt citations, 87 suspended/revoked licenses, 11 warrant arrests, 25 misdemeanor arrests and 21 OVIs. Any one of these drivers could have caused a fatality or serious crash on these routes, had they not been stopped.

The funds for this project came from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Ohio receives these federal funds specifically for traffic safety-related efforts including high-visibility enforcement and public awareness campaigns.

OCJS, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), coordinated the corridor enforcement project to address the issues on the route. OCJS works to save lives and reduce injuries on Ohio’s roads by coordinating and funding OVI and drug task forces and grants for local law enforcement and safety partners to combat impaired and unsafe driving. OCJS also promotes educational programs, coalition-building efforts and campaigns focused on highway safety through guidance from NHTSA, who is encouraging states to coordinate law enforcement and educational efforts that pool resources to target corridors like U.S. Route 33.

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