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Agents encourage parents to understand the dangers of alcohol before they leave for college

(Columbus) – All across the state of Ohio, young adults are getting ready to embark on a new adventure – college. This is the first time many of them will be away from home.

Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) want to make sure the students understand the dangers of alcohol and getting intoxicated, before they get to campus. Parents are encouraged to talk to their sons and daughters on the importance of making good decisions and staying with friends they can trust.

“Be frank with your kids, make them aware of the dangers of alcohol to keep themselves and their friends from getting in a position where they could be harmed or they could potentially do harm to someone else,” said Captain Gary Allen, commander of OIU.

Parents should remind their sons and daughters that alcohol increases the risk of being assaulted both physically and sexually. You’re also at a higher risk of being robbed. Encourage your college-aged children to go to parties and bars with friends they trust. Do not leave alone.

Also, remind your sons and daughters to call 9-1-1 immediately to report anyone who is being assaulted, whether it is physical or sexual. The over-all goal is to make for a safer campus environment all across Ohio.

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The Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Ohio Investigative Unit agents are plain-clothed fully sworn peace officers. OIU is charged with enforcing the state’s liquor laws and is the only state law enforcement agency specifically tasked with investigating food stamp fraud crimes. Agents also investigate tobacco violations. Follow OIU on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Investigative-Unit/165782203506269> and on Twitter by logging onto http://twitter.com/Ohio_OIU.