



# RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio 44905

## 2008 NEWS RELEASE



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SUBJECT: HOLIDAY BLITZ

### *HIGH VISIBILITY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME PROJECT*

CAMPAIGN: "TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY"

During the **Holiday Season**, Richland County Sheriff Deputies will monitor traffic at selected sites within the county for motorists driving drunk. "Tie One On For Safety" is MADD's (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) largest public awareness campaign to heighten awareness about the dangerous consequences of drinking and driving over the holidays," said Sheriff Sheldon.

According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety crash statistics, 473 Ohioans were killed in alcohol-related crashes in 2007; and of these crashes, 37 fatalities occurred between Thanksgiving and New Years



**According to the Sheriff's Office crash statistics, between November 1<sup>st</sup> and first week of January 2008, 1,031 crashes occurred in Richland County; and of these crashes, 36 were alcohol-related crashes of which 2 fatalities occurred; plus 219 persons were injured in crashes of which 12 were alcohol-related.**

That's why the **Richland County Sheriff's Office** is joining with other national, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials to remind everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol.

#### **SITES TO BE WORKED BY DEPUTIES DURING HOLIDAY BLITZ**

**Saturday, December 20**

- Springfield and Sandusky Townships [US Routes 30; and State Route 309]

**Friday, December 26:**

- Madison and Mifflin Townships [US Route 42; State Routes 430 and 545]

**Saturday, December 27:**

- Springfield and Sandusky Townships [US Routes 30; and State Route 309]

**Tuesday, December 30:**

- Springfield & Sandusky Townships [US Route 30; State Route 309]

**Wednesday, December 31:**

- Madison and Mifflin Townships [US Route 42; State Routes 430 and 545]

**Thursday, January 1:**

- Madison and Mifflin Townships [US Route 42; State Routes 430 and 545]

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*Sheriff J. Steve Sheldon*

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