

2012



Crackdown

AUGUST/LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: AUGUST 16, 2012

CONTACT: Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen, (740) 652-7252

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Joins National Crackdown To Reduce Impaired Driving Fatalities

[Lancaster, Ohio] – If you drink and drive in Fairfield County beware, deputies are joining with law enforcement throughout the nation for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign **August 17 to September 3, 2012.**

The strong nationwide impaired driving crackdown will include high-visibility enforcement, high-profile events, and will be supported by national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb alcohol impaired driving in August and through the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office said its deputies will be aggressively looking for impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving impaired.

It is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter. Despite these laws, in 2010 more than 10,000 people died in crashes in which a driver or motorcycle rider was impaired.

“On average there is one alcohol impaired driving-related fatality every 51 minutes across America. But this tragic loss of life can be reduced if we get impaired drivers off our roadways,” stated Sheriff Dave Phalen. “Research has shown that high-visibility enforcement like the 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign reduces alcohol-impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. By joining this nationwide effort, we will make Fairfield County's roadways safer for everyone throughout the Labor Day period.”

During the Labor Day weekend in 2010, 147 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers or motorcycle riders with BACs of .08 or higher. Of those fatalities, 80 percent occurred from 6

ERROR: syntaxerror
OFFENDING COMMAND: --nostringval--

STACK: