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## **Holiday OVI Crackdown Approaching**

Kettering- The Kettering Police Department will have extra officers patrolling the city Wednesday, November 23 from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. November 24. The additional officers will be targeting impaired drivers.

The night before Thanksgiving and the following weekend are traditionally nights of heavy alcohol consumption. The saturation patrol will also be working Saturday, November 26 from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. November 27.

Recently, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) released a national report which rates the nation as a whole on its progress in implementing impaired driving countermeasures. On a five star scale, the nation received a rating of 2.9 stars. Ohio earned a 3 star rating, which indicates a further need to reduce drunk driving in Ohio.

MADD's annual *Tie One on For Safety* campaign asks motorists to display a red ribbon on their vehicles in support of law enforcement efforts and as a pledge to drive sober. The public is strongly encouraged to designate a non-drinking driver before setting out for a night of festivities and to host all parties responsibly.

Motorists in Kettering are also strongly encouraged to call 911 in the event you witness an impaired driver. The non emergency number to the Kettering Police Department is 296-2555. Again, there will be a zero tolerance approach toward all impaired drivers. Funding for the saturation patrol is provided by the Governor's Highway Safety Office and local court funds.

The Kettering Police Department has been a recognized leader in OVI enforcement and traffic safety laws. The department is a strong participant in the Montgomery County OVI Task Force and committed to the efforts of MADD.

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