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**‘OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST’ DUI CRACKDOWN SEEKS TO SAVE LIVES**

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**DELAWARE, Oh., August 21, 2009** – Delaware County law enforcement officers will be out in full force during the Labor Day holiday period. They will be part of the nationwide Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest crackdown on impaired driving.

Drunk driving is one of America’s deadliest crimes. In 2007, nearly 13,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. Motorcyclists have paid a particularly heavy toll; 27 percent of that year’s motorcycle fatalities involved riders over the legal drinking limit.

Local law enforcement leaders in the Delaware County Criminal Justice Association kicked off the enforcement blitz today with a special event at the Rutherford B. Hayes Building, organized by the Delaware General Health District’s Safe Communities-Safe Kids Coalition. They were joined by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Vince and Larry, the famous crash test dummies.

Also speaking was Delaware County resident Amber Curry Dailey, who recounted her own story about a drunken driving crash. Curry was seriously injured when she passed out at the wheel and her vehicle struck a pole. She underwent five surgeries and spent three weeks in a trauma unit and then a month in rehabilitation.

“No matter what you drive—a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle—if we catch you driving impaired, we will arrest you. No exceptions. No excuses,” said Lt. David Church, Commander of the Delaware Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol. “We will be out in force to get more drunk drivers off the road—and save lives that might otherwise be lost.”

“We continue to see a tragic number of people with debilitating injuries and deaths as a result of impaired driving. This careless disregard for human life must stop,” Lt. Church said. “Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant.”

The national Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. impaired driving crackdown is a program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

For more information, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).