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**Clinton County Health Department
Traffic Safety Program
Press Release
“Aggressive Driving Campaign August 2006”**

The Clinton County Health Department Traffic Safety Program, in collaboration with several other law enforcement agencies will be conducting an aggressive driving enforcement campaign on State Route 3 in August. This Route has been designated as a high-crash location and has been routinely targeted in past years in an effort to reduce aggressive driving. The two leading factors of aggressive driving crashes at this location are failure to yield the right of way and following too closely.

The cooperative efforts of the New York State Police Troop “B”, Clinton County Sheriff’s Department, Plattsburgh City Police and Clinton County Traffic Safety will coordinate enforcement targeting these, and other, aggressive driving behaviors. This year the Plattsburgh City Police and the Clinton County Sheriff’s Department have each been awarded grants, with a combined total over \$5,000, from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for their participation in the corridor enforcement detail.

Motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of accidental injury-related death between the ages of 1 and 44 in the U.S. According to the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) in 2004, New York Police stated that over 60% of reported fatal and injury crashes were attributed to aggressive driving behaviors such as failure to yield the right of way, unsafe lane changing, following too closely and speeding.

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) has set a goal to reduce fatalities which result from unsafe driving behavior by 20%. The GTSC in collaboration with the New York State Police, New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) and local law enforcement agencies have identified high crash locations throughout the state to be targeted for the ***Traffic Safety Corridor Enforcement Program***.

This intensive enforcement blitz is supported throughout the year with similar multi-agency follow-up patrols. The goal of which is to reduce aggressive driving related crashes, and ultimately keep Clinton County roadways safer.

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