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**Clinton County to Participate in Statewide STOP-DWI Fourth of July  
Crackdown Enforcement Effort**

Impaired Driving Crackdown runs June 30<sup>th</sup>  
– July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Clinton County STOP DWI announced today that Clinton County police agencies will participate in a special enforcement effort to crackdown on impaired driving.

The statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown efforts start on June 30th and will end on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Fourth of July extended weekend is historically a deadly period for impaired driving.

Americans love to celebrate the Fourth of July with family, friends, food and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. For as many good memories as the Fourth of July holiday can provide, it can also create devastating nightmares for families who lose a loved one due to drunk driving. During the 2015 Fourth of July holiday period (6 p.m. July 2 to 5:59 a.m. July 6), 92 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .15 or higher, and 146 people died in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08. In fact, from 2011-2015, 39 percent of all traffic fatalities over the Fourth of July period occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

"If you choose to head out to a Fourth of July party and make the terrible decision to drink and drive, don't be mistaken—if you get caught, you will be arrested," said Clinton County STOP DWI Coordinator, Sgt. Aaron Lefebvre. "Please plan ahead so everyone can get home safe to their friends and family. Have a designated driver, walk, take a taxi or spend the night. Enjoy the weekend with friends and family but please do so responsibly." The New York State Police, County Sheriff and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to aggressively target those who put lives in danger.