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**Clinton County to Participate in Statewide STOP-DWI Thanksgiving
Crackdown Enforcement Effort**

Impaired Driving Crackdown runs November 22nd – November 26th, 2017

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

This Thanksgiving weekend, millions will hit the roads to spend time with family and friends. It's one of the busiest travel times of the year, and unfortunately Thanksgiving has become one of the deadliest times of the year on America's roads because "Thanksgiving Eve," the Wednesday before the holiday, has become one of the year's biggest drinking days. Whether it's young people home from college or adults who know they have the next day off from work, Thanksgiving Eve has contributed to a rise in impaired driving deaths around the holidays. More people on the roadways means the potential for more vehicle crashes. During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2015 (6pm on Wednesday, November 25, to 5:59 am on Monday, November 30), there were 301 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes across the nation. Tragically, 50% of those killed were not buckled up at the time of their fatal crash.

In a combined effort to stop impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives law enforcement across New York State will take to the roads. The statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown efforts start on November 22nd and will end on November 26th. New York State Police, County Sheriff and municipal law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in force.

The STOP-DWI Thanksgiving Weekend Crackdown is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and implemented by the STOP-DWI Foundation.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of impaired driver related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by impaired drivers. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Week. From all of us at Clinton County STOP DWI and your local law enforcement remember to Have a Plan to get home safely and help us stop impaired driving in its tracks.