

# MEDIA RELEASE

FOR RELEASE  
DATE: 8/14/2017

CONTACT: Beau Evans, Director  
City of Huntington Highway Safety Office  
(304) 696-5545

---

## **TRI-STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT BEGINS FALL IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN August 18-September 3, 2017**

HUNTINGTON, W. Va.- Officers from West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio, kick off the Fall Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign at the I-64 rest stop (eastbound mile marker 10) on August 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM. The West Virginia Trucking Association, part of the American Trucking Association, will join the officers to highlight truck safety issues. (See attached agenda for event details.)

We're coming to the home stretch of 2017. The World Series and football and basketball seasons are right ahead. For so many fans, sports seasons are the reason to host parties. Sometimes guests at these parties have too many alcoholic beverages! This means the impaired driving season is upon us as well.

Members of local law enforcement agencies and the three state Governor's Highway Safety Offices want to remind you to be a responsible host when guests attend a party at your home. As the host, you should not allow your guests to leave the party if they are too impaired to drive safely and legally. Remember, drivers with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% may not appear to be impaired, but they will still be unable to safely operate a vehicle. Keep alternate transportation phone numbers easily accessible for guests to call.

Along with alcohol impaired driving there also comes the issue of drug impaired driving, or DUID. This issue is an ever growing problem that has caused major crashes in our immediate area over the past year. With this concern, law enforcement is being trained to spot these issues to be able to get ahead of the problem. The program is in all three states and is called the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DRE Program).

And most importantly, you should have fun...but not too much fun. As the host, you must stay within your limits in order to make sure your guests stay within theirs.

### **National (2015 Stats)**

35,982 people died in vehicle crashes  
10,265 fatalities (29%) involved drivers with BAC levels above 0.08%

### **Local (2016 Stats)**

West Virginia	271 Fatalities	74 Alcohol Related (27%)
Ohio	1,133 Fatalities	346 Alcohol Related (31%)
Kentucky	834 Fatalities	165 Alcohol Related (20%)

You can also download the Drive Sober West Virginia App for Smartphones and Androids at <https://www.drivesoberwv.com/> or The App Store or Google Play Store.

# Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kickoff Event

Interstate 64 WV Welcome Center (eastbound mile marker 10)

August 18, 2017, 10:00 am

## Agenda

- Welcome Message – West Virginia Region 2 Highway Safety Office Beau Evans
  - Major Josh Swindell – Ohio State Highway Patrol Commander Field Operations
  - Captain J.W. Gibson – Commander of the Ashland State Police Post
  - Officer Matt Epling – West Virginia Public Service Commission
  - Closing Remarks
    - Bob Criswell from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety
    - Mike Brining from the Ohio Office of Highway Safety
    - Beau Evans from the West Virginia Region 2 Office for Highway Safety
- \* *Visit the American Trucking Association's Interstate One Tractor Trailer and America's Road Team Captains Clarence Jenkins and Russ Simpson.*

Thank You and Drive Safely!!



You can also download the Drive Sober West Virginia App for Smartphones and Androids at <https://www.drivesoberwv.com/> or The App Store or Google Play Store.