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## *Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office Awarded Traffic Enforcement Grants*

In our effort to decrease alcohol and speed related accidents along with fatalities within our County, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded two grants from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) for increased traffic enforcement. The Sheriff's Office has received an Impaired Driving Enforcement Program Grant in the amount of \$17,174.49 in order to focus on impaired driving along with a Selected Traffic Enforcement Program Grant in the amount of \$13,257.91 in order to focus on traffic enforcement (i.e. speed and seat belts). Together, the grants total \$30,432.40 and will allow for 700 hours of overtime enforcement. These grants will begin with Halloween and will end September 2016. There will be special blitzes for the various holidays including Thanksgiving, which is one of the most traveled holidays. The theme of the Memorial Day weekend blitz will be "Click or Ticket" and the theme for the Labor Day weekend blitz will be "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." The other blitzes include Halloween, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Super Bowl weekend, St. Patrick's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> along with Prom and Homecoming Seasons. This is the seventh year that our office has received grant funding for traffic enforcement.

With Halloween just around the corner, the Sheriff's Office also wishes to remind motorists to drive safely and slowly through communities participating in Trick or Treat.