



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

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HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDED TWO TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS FOR 2015

Hamilton County, September 23, 2014 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been approved for two new 2015 traffic safety & enforcement grants by the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. Grant-related enforcement activity will commence October 1st, 2014, and continue through September 30th, 2015.

The first initiative is called the Impaired Driver Enforcement Program (IDEP). This program focuses on the detection and apprehension of impaired drivers who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Enforcement activities will be conducted county-wide during peak times, such as the holiday season, Super Bowl weekend, St. Patrick's Day, and Prom season. The Sheriff's Office will also aggressively participate in the annual "Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over" impaired driving campaign. The grant award for this program is \$43,701.24.

The second initiative is called the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This program will focus on other facets of traffic safety such as speed enforcement, seatbelt violations, aggressive driving, distracted driving, and more. Much like IDEP, the STEP grant activity will be conducted county-wide, targeting specific problem areas during peak times. The grant award for this program is \$29,134.16.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety of the motoring public. The Sheriff's Office will be participating in these initiatives with other law enforcement agencies such as the Cincinnati Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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