



Traffic safety patrol operation planned for August 26

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The Dayton Police Department is partnering with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Trotwood Police Department for a joint traffic safety patrol operation on Wednesday, Aug. 26, beginning at 8 a.m.

Officers will focus on interstates and highways (I-75, U.S. 35, state Route 4, state Route 49) in the area, along with some local thoroughfares where complaints of speed and other unsafe driving behaviors have been reported.

In the city of Dayton, there are approximately 20 miles of interstates or freeways, with 17 exits. In 2018, there were 363 reported traffic crashes on Interstate 75, 202 reported crashes on U.S. Route 35, and 78 crashes on state Route 4, totaling 643 crashes on the highway system. Many times speed, distracted driving, and reckless driving are causes for accidents.

Sgt. Gordon Cairns, supervisor of the Dayton Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit, said the operation is focused on promoting compliance with traffic laws.

"This is about motorist safety. If we can help prevent hazardous traffic situations from occurring on our highways and main roads, we can hopefully prevent or reduce the number of traffic accidents, fatalities, and injuries."

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