March 24 sobriety checkpoint locations announced

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The Dayton Police Department, along with members of the Combined Agency OVI Task Force of Montgomery County, will operate sobriety checkpoints tonight at 9 p.m. in the areas of East Third Street/Terry Street and North Keowee/East Fifth Street.

The goal of the OVI task force is to reduce the number of alcohol/drug related traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities in Dayton and Montgomery County. Sobriety checkpoints help deter impaired driving and aid in the apprehension of impaired drivers who make the choice to get behind the wheel and drive.

Driving while impaired is illegal and endangers the lives of everyone on the roadway.

The majority of the deadliest crashes occur on weekends. In 2016, there were 596 alcohol-related crashes in Montgomery County alone. Those crashes took the lives of 21 people and injured 273.

Operational support for the checkpoint will be provided by law enforcement officers from the Combined Agency OVI Task Force of Montgomery County.