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Be Safe on St. Patrick's Day

Kettering- On a day in which just about everybody claims to be a little Irish, the Kettering Police Department is strongly encouraging people to enjoy the day responsibly. Holidays or special event days often see an increase in intoxicated drivers.

The police department will be operating a saturation patrol throughout the city. The patrol is put in place to identify and stop drivers who may be driving impaired. Five additional officers will be working the patrol on Wednesday, March 17 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Four additional officers will then patrol from 11:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m., March 18.

Seven drivers were arrested for OVI during an eight hour period on St. Patrick's Day, 2009.

The Kettering Police Department is asking people to have a plan established and to not drive a motor vehicle if you have been drinking alcoholic beverages. The department will be taking a zero tolerance approach toward impaired drivers.

The additional officers working during these patrols will be funded by grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Office, the Montgomery County Combined OVI Task Force and local court funds.

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