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HALLOWEEN PARTIERS BEWARE: Warren County Law Enforcement is CRACKING DOWN ON DRUNK DRIVERS this Halloween Season
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

[Warren County]— This Halloween, **Atrium Medical Center's Warren County Safe Communities Coalition** wants to remind everyone to “be aware” of the dangers associated with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

“The scariest part of Halloween is not the spooky costumes or scary pranks,” says Joey Brumfield, WCSCC Coordinator and Trauma Outreach Coordinator at Atrium, “it’s the thought of impaired drivers and the dangers which they pose to trick-or-treaters, other pedestrians and other vehicles on the roadways!” All too often, partygoers do not plan ahead and choose to drive impaired, ultimately risking not only their lives but the lives of many others.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), from 2007-2011, 52 percent of all national fatalities occurring on Halloween night involved a drunk driver. In 2011, 44 percent of the nation’s fatalities during the Halloween weekend occurred in a crash involving a driver with a blood alcohol concentration above the legal limit of .08. In 2012, Ohio alone had 1,085 alcohol related crashes resulting in 476 persons injured and 6 fatalities, all during the Halloween Season.

“If you celebrate with alcohol, you don’t belong behind the wheel.” Brumfield said. “A sober and safe ride after the party is the best treat you can give yourself and everyone else on the roadways this Halloween Season.”

Remember that Warren County Law Enforcement will be cracking down on impaired driving this Halloween. We encourage everyone to be safe and have a festive season. Remember that buzzed driving is drunk driving and drive sober or you will get pulled over!

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