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“Aggressive enforcement initiative aimed at cutting traffic fatalities”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, August 10, 2011 ---- Speeding, reckless, aggressive and impaired driving remain the primary causes behind motor vehicle collisions according to information released by the Maryland Highway Safety Office.

Inasmuch, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office has joined with other law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland to crack down on speeders, and impaired, distracted or aggressive drivers. Traffic safety enforcement operations have been elevated as a part of a statewide effort during the month of August called “*Toward Zero Deaths*”, a high-profile initiative to continue working toward the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities.

Historically, August has proven to be the deadliest month in terms of traffic-related fatalities in Maryland. According to the Maryland Highway Safety Office 63 percent of the 2,275 vehicle occupant deaths involved speeding, impairment, or lack of seat belt use between 2005 and 2009. Further, during the past decade there have been proportionally more traffic-related deaths overnight in the month of August, making night enforcement operations a focal point of current enforcement operations.

Highly visible traffic enforcement will be present on all roadways throughout August, which began this week with Smooth Operator, the statewide aggressive driving prevention campaign. Furthermore, with celebrations a historical part of Labor Day, Sheriff's Deputies will be partnering with the Manchester Police to conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint later this month in conjunction with saturation patrols throughout the Labor Day Weekend to identify and remove impaired, aggressive and unsafe drivers from the road.

Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies remind motorists to, “Slow down, drive sober, and wear your seat belt – day and night”.

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