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### ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

### **Monroe County to Participate in Statewide STOP-DWI Labor Day High Visibility Engagement Campaign**

Monroe County, NY – During the busy Labor Day holiday weekend, STOP-DWI NY and the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) are working alongside Monroe County police agencies and Monroe County STOP-DWI to decrease impaired driving and bring awareness to the dangers. In support of the law enforcement community’s dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, you’ll see officers working together during this time to take impaired drivers off the roads. No matter how you plan to celebrate the end of the summer and America’s workers, make sure you plan it safely.

“Despite impaired driving being a crime of choice, we continue to see our fatalities from this senseless act climb due to far too many crashes,” said Monroe County STOP-DWI Coordinator, Lindsay Tomidy. “We need every one of our community members to hold each other accountable in an effort to keep the streets free of impaired drivers so that we all can have a safe end to our summers. Fatalities have doubled from 2019 to 2021 and these lives lost were completely preventable. Even one life is one too many!”

According to NYS Department of Motor Vehicles Accident Information System, Monroe County had 595 impaired driving crashes for 2021. Impaired driving, either by alcohol and/or other drugs, accounted for almost 30% of fatalities on our county’s roadways last year. This is why our county wants to remind drivers that impaired driving by both drugs and alcohol is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to festivities during the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, remember: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

For more information about Monroe County’s STOP-DWI Program, call 585-753-3011 or go to <https://www.monroecounty.gov/safety-stopdwi>.

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