DINOLFO, O’FLYNN & DOORLEY URGE SAFE TRAVEL DURING MEMORIAL DAY
Focus on STOP-DWI Enforcement and Motorcycle Safety

Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo today joined Sheriff Patrick O’Flynn, District Attorney Sandra Doorley and local police chiefs to encourage residents to be safe on the roads during the busiest Memorial Day weekend for travel since 2005, according to AAA. Considered the unofficial kickoff to the summer season, Memorial Day weekend is an important opportunity to remind motorists to drive responsibly and to be aware of their surroundings.

“As we spend time with our friends and families honoring Memorial Day this weekend, it is important to do so safely and responsibly,” said Dinolfo. “Our community’s law enforcement agencies will be out in force and we encourage drivers to refrain from impaired driving and to be aware of motorcyclists sharing the road.”

Memorial Day weekend is historically a deadly period for impaired driving with 13% more fatalities than a non-holiday weekend. For this reason, the New York State Police, County Sheriffs and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol related injuries and deaths during this weekend.

“While the number of deadly drunk driving collisions in Monroe County continues to decline, even one life lost to motor vehicle collisions caused by drunk drivers is too many,” said O’Flynn. “Statewide enforcement initiatives helps the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office keep our motorists and residents safe as they travel through the Memorial Day holiday weekend.”

The Memorial Day Weekend Crackdown is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. To receive more information on responsible driving or to locate and call a taxi service in the area, residents can download the STOP-DWI “Have a Plan” mobile app at www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

“As District Attorney, I see tragedies in our community each and every day,” said Doorley. “Tragedies on the roads can be avoided by being aware of one’s surroundings and making smart choices when we drive. During this upcoming holiday when we remember the great men and women who served our country, we can respect them by being safe and respectful while behind the wheel of a vehicle.”

The month of May is also Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. As a result of the warm weather and the busy holiday weekend, the number of motorcycles on the road is expected to increase greatly.
Motorists are reminded to be on alert for the presence of motorcycles and to share the road. Both motorcyclists and motorists must be aware of their surroundings and exercise caution on the roads.

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