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MONROE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRACKDOWN ENFORCEMENT

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Sheriff **Patrick O'Flynn** today announced that Monroe County will participate in a statewide crackdown on impaired driving this St. Patrick's Day Weekend from March 17th – March 20th. New York State Police, Monroe County Sheriffs, and municipal law enforcement agencies from across the state will be out in force to reduce the number of alcohol related injuries and deaths.

"St. Patrick's Day provides a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together in celebration of Irish heritage, however as we spend time with our friends and families, let us not forget to do so safely and responsibly," said **County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo**. *"We are pleased that our County law enforcement agencies will be joining their partners throughout the state to ensure that our roads remain free from impaired drivers during this St. Patrick's Day weekend."*

The STOP-DWI St. Patrick's Day Crackdown is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Super Bowl Weekend, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day Weekend, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Holiday season in December. These efforts are supported with funding from both the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"Monroe County's STOP-DWI Program has led to significant reductions in the number of fatalities caused by drunken drivers – but there are still too many lives being lost because of motor vehicle collisions caused by drunk and/or impaired drivers," said **Sheriff O'Flynn**. *"We hope to reduce those numbers even further with highly visible enforcement efforts and highly publicized events like STOP-DWI St. Patrick's Day enforcement efforts."*

"In 2015, during the St. Patrick's Day Crackdown, fifteen people were arrested for DWI in Monroe County. In 2016, I am asking everyone to work together to make Monroe County safer on St. Patrick's Day by having zero DWI's in our County's Crackdowns," said **Peggy Duffy, STOP-DWI Coordinator**.

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.

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