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**Clinton County to Participate in Statewide STOP-DWI St. Patrick's Day  
Crackdown Enforcement Effort**

Impaired Driving Crackdown runs March 17 – 19, 2017

Clinton County STOP-DWI coordinator, Sgt. Aaron Lefebvre, announced today that Clinton County police agencies will participate in a special enforcement effort to crackdown on impaired driving.

The statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown efforts start on March 17th and will end on March 19th. St. Patrick's Day Weekend is a notoriously deadly period for impaired driving due to the number of celebrations and drivers on the road. New York State Police, County Sheriff and municipal law enforcement agencies across the state will be out in force in an effort to reduce the number of alcohol related injuries and deaths.

The STOP-DWI St. Patrick's Day Weekend Crackdown is one of the statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association. The details are funded by local STOP-DWI programs, the STOP-DWI Foundation and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. This partnership has allowed local programs to significantly increase their enforcement and public awareness efforts. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day Weekend, and Halloween.

This St. Patty's day falls on Friday, the start of the weekend. Please take the time to make arrangements before your celebration to get home safely. The cost of a cab ride or hotel room is well worth your life and safety and that of everyone else on the road.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have made great strides in reducing the numbers of alcohol and drug related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by impaired drivers. You can do your part to become part of the solution by downloading our FREE mobile app "Have a Plan" at [www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp](http://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp).