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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Plan Ahead for Cinco de Mayo – “Remember Buzzed Driving IS Drunk Driving”

[Lancaster, Ohio, May 3, 2013] As the weather gets warmer, we all begin to plan for special events and holidays. One holiday that originated in the western United States has become popular throughout the nation. While many may plan a party at home, or celebrate at a local restaurant or pub, it is important to remember to plan for safety. When enjoying the food, drinks, and celebrations, also remember to designate a driver for a safe ride home. If you are planning a party for these celebrations, prepare or have ready drinks without alcohol for those who are acting as a designated driver. Planning ahead is always the most important thing to remember as we head into the summer season, and the many celebrations to come.

“Planning ahead, buckling up, watching your speed, and never driving distracted are great ways to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, and all the holidays of the spring and summer seasons,” noted Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen.

With alcohol-related deaths on Fairfield County highways continuing to be a concern for law enforcement, the slogan “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” is a reminder of part of the costs associated with driving impaired. With prom season drawing to a close, graduation season just around the corner, and the fun of summer on the horizon, driving safe should be a plan for everyone in Fairfield County. From 2007-2011, 38 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities that occurred on or around May 5th nationwide involved an impaired driver with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or above. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides these statistics, and more information at their website at www.nhtsa.gov.

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