



Dayton Police to curtail ‘hooning’ and exhibition driving

-Interview opportunity available today, 3:15 p.m.-

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The city of Dayton and surrounding areas have seen an increase in reckless driving, hooning (speeding, burnouts, doughnuts, or screeching tires), exhibition driving and ATV use on public streets and roadways.

These actions not only put the individuals doing reckless driving at risk of injury or death, but also endanger spectators and law-abiding citizens. In response, the Dayton Police Department is launching a special effort to curtail hooning, exhibition driving and other dangerous driving behaviors.

All applicable laws, including those related to noise, and available resources will be devoted to apprehending and identifying responsible individuals. Anyone participating in or spectating these events risks arrest, ticketing and/or vehicle towing.

“The upcoming enforcement operations are in direct response to citizen and community complaints about these disruptive, dangerous, and destructive behaviors and the quality of life and safety issues they present,” said Major Christopher Malson, Operations Support Division commander. “We have been working alongside neighborhood and business leaders to establish this plan of action in hopes of curtailing and discouraging these activities.”

Anyone knowing of an upcoming event that will include any of these reckless or illegal behaviors is asked to call Sgt. Banks of the Strategic Response Unit at 937-333-8974.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Major Malson will be available for an interview regarding these upcoming operations today, Thursday, June 9, at 3:15 p.m. in the Safety Building (335 W. Third St.).

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