

MDOT, Police Urge Motorists to keep family trips safe

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Stevensville, MD -- From Bay to beach, keep family trips memorable and safe -- that's the message the Maryland Department of Transportation and local law enforcement officials emphasized with the annual Bay to Beach enforcement campaign.

The Bay to Beach enforcement from the Bay Bridge to Ocean City along the US 50 corridor began August 1 and continues through Labor Day. Maryland State Police and Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) Police are working with sheriff's offices in Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Wicomico and Worcester counties to encourage and enforce safe driving behaviors. Police departments in Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury, Berlin and Ocean City are also participating in the high visibility enforcement campaign.

Between 2014 and 2018 in Maryland, there were over 800 deaths and 16,000 injuries in crashes involving alcohol or drugs.

"Ensuring the safety of those traveling to the beach, and across our state, is one of our highest priorities," said Capt. Dan Pickett, executive officer of the Maryland State Police Field Operations Bureau. "Our message today is clear: If you get behind the wheel drunk or high, you will be arrested."

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