

# MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## News Release

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<p>The following has been authorized for immediate release to the public. Any requests for additional information should be made to the Public Information Officer or a Staff Officer.</p>
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<p>Members of the news media are asked to respect the privacy of crime victims.</p>
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**Key:** (A) Arrested (V) Victim (W) Witness (O) Other (D) Driver (JM) Juvenile Male (JF) Juvenile Female (ROR) Released on Own Recognizance (ROB) Released on Bail (RTP) Released to Parent (HRMC) Hackettstown Regional Medical Center (SCH) St. Clare's Hosp. (MMC) Morristown Medical Center (MCCF) Morris Co. Correctional Facility (MCJDC) Morris Co. Juv. Detention Center

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	National Impaired Driving Prevention Month
<b>Date:</b>	December 2017

Driving drunk, drugged, or distracted poses a significant threat to drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and all of us who share the roads. During this holiday season, incidents of impaired driving occur more frequently. In December we observe National Impaired Driving Prevention Month to highlight steps we can take to improve safety on our streets and raise awareness of these preventable crashes and injuries and death.

Recently, the number of traffic crash fatalities caused by impaired driving has increased, and nationwide, preventable alcohol-related driving fatalities accounted for nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities. Consumption of alcohol by drivers, even those who are of legal drinking age, is dangerous; and drug use, including prescription drug use, can also diminish judgment, perception, and the motor skills used when driving. Distracted driving, including eating, tending to passengers, and using a cell phone; can also be dangerous and is equally preventable.

We can all do our part to keep our roads safe and prevent these tragedies. As passengers, we can reduce our interactions with drivers and reduce distractions. As friends and family members, we can look out for loved ones who may be drinking and help them get home safely. And as citizens, we can always call 911 to report any dangerous driving we observe.

The Mount Olive Township Police Department will have additional patrols deployed looking for distracted driving and in coordination with a grant received from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, we will be staffing twenty-five (25) extra DWI enforcement patrols during the month of December. In the past 12 months, the Mount Olive Police Department has responded to over 1,050 motor vehicle crashes, made 108 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated, and issued 168 summons for talking on a cell phone while driving. We urge everyone to work collaboratively to help keep our roads safe so we may all enjoy the holiday season. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

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