

# Shelby Police Department

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Shelby Police Department recognizes that Thanksgiving in our community is a time of homecoming and celebration. We know that part of that celebration involves gathering with friends and relatives at local restaurants and bars. But we also know that fatal traffic crashes and alcohol involved crashes in our area are at the highest level since 2002.

It is for that reason that on 11-25-15 our officers will be out in force, looking for, identifying and arresting drunk drivers. We will be partnering with the Richland County Sheriff's Office and Mansfield Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, as well as the Shelby Municipal Court, who is providing a probation officer to assist us on patrol. We are adopting an absolute zero tolerance policy for driving under the influence in and around the City of Shelby.

In order to provide a safe way for people to get home and not drink and drive, we have also partnered with Shelby City Hall. They will be providing the Shelby City Taxi from the hours of 10PM and 2AM to take anyone home that needs a ride, within the city limits, free of charge. For anyone needing a ride home, please call the Police Department at 419-347-2242. Local establishments are encouraged to call for patrons if they ask for a ride, and flyers will be handed out to those local establishments. The availability of the taxi and response times will be dependent on demand.

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