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Patrol issues 74,507 citations for Aggressive Speed in 2008 *Statistical recap shows counties where most Aggressive Speeding takes place*

COLUMBUS – Hamilton and Sandusky counties had the most citations for aggressive speed of 20 plus miles-per-hour over the speed limit last year according to new statistics released by the Patrol today. Troopers issued a total of 74,507 aggressive speed citations state wide last year.

According to the *Aggressive Driving: 20+ mph Over the Speed Limit* statistical recap from the Patrol's Statistical Analysis Unit, during 2008 troopers made 4,797 aggressive speed citations in Hamilton County and 3,111 in Sandusky County. Rounding out the top five were Franklin County with 2,838 citations, Erie County with 2,593 and Lorain County with 2,523. In addition, troopers on the Ohio Turnpike cited 13,198 motorists, accounting for 18 percent of all the aggressive speed citations state wide.

“Driving at speeds of 20 miles-per-hour over the posted speed limit are considered a dangerous form of aggressive driving,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said. “Drivers that engage in this type of perilous behavior are putting their life and others lives at risk.”

Of the total traffic stops resulting in an aggressive speed citation, 850 also included an OVI arrest, 709 involved the driver of a commercial vehicle and 1,543 involved a violation for driving under a suspended license.

So far this year, troopers have issued 7, 829 citations for aggressive speed.

To view a copy of the entire statistical recap, visit www.statepatrol.ohio.gov

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