

## SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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## "Arrive Alive" for Thanksgiving Drinking & Driving is a Recipe for Disaster

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, November 9, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh and Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree are proud to announce the re-launch of the Arrive Alive campaign during the Thanksgiving holiday to help keep drunk drivers off the road. The Thanksgiving holiday is nearly upon us,

As people finalize plans for the holiday, Prosecutor Walsh and Sheriff Fatheree want to remind people that drinking and driving is a recipe for disaster with potentially tragic consequences.

WHAT: FREE rides home for Summit County Residents for the Thanksgiving Holiday WHEN: From 6pm Wednesday November 23 to Noon Saturday November 25 HOW: Use code SUMMITTHANKS23 for 600 one-time use codes for up to \$20 LYFT ride credit.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office is once again teaming up with the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the ride-share service LYFT to provide free and reduced fare rides home in Summit County for anyone who has had too much to drink while celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday. Arrive Alive has 600 one-time use codes for a free ride home (up to \$20) to use within Summit County.

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"I want to make sure the roads are safe for people to get to family and friends for the holiday. Far too often we see the tragic consequences of drinking and driving. That is why it is so important to have the Arrive Alive program," said Prosecutor Walsh. "The night before Thanksgiving has recently become a night for people to go out and party – called "Blackout Wednesday". Remember to be responsible if you go out and use our Arrive Alive service. The life you save might be your own."

"You can rest assured that my deputies and other area law enforcement will be out in full force over the Thanksgiving holiday," said Sheriff Fatheree. "If you're planning to drink, please make use of the Arrive Alive program to get a free LYFT ride home. You don't want to spend the holiday weekend in my jail."

Summit County residents who need a ride home after drinking alcohol can use the LYFT code: SUMMITTHANKS23. The program runs from 6pm on Wednesday November 22, 2023 through noon Saturday November 25, 2023.

Prosecutor Walsh launched Arrive Alive in 2018 for Summit County during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Since then, more than 3,000 people have used the service.

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