



# Media Release

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## Mount Vernon OVI Checkpoint

**Mount Vernon** – The Mount Gilead Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the Mount Vernon Police Department, Knox County Sheriff’s Office, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, conducted an OVI checkpoint on Friday, May 15th, 2026. The location was on U.S. Route 36 / State Route 229, from 8:00 P.M. to 9:35 P.M.

The OVI checkpoint funding came from federal grants to deter and intercept impaired drivers and raise public awareness of the continued problem of impaired driving on our streets and highways. In addition, the local, county, and state law enforcement agencies also deployed saturation patrols to combat alcohol and drug-related fatal and severe injury crashes in the surrounding areas.

Troopers, officers, and deputies checked 280 vehicles during the checkpoint. Additionally, no vehicles were diverted during the checkpoint.

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