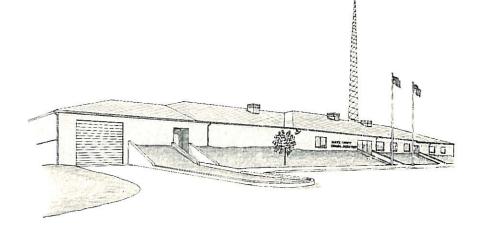
## DARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Dear Eldora Race Fans:

Welcome to Eldora raceway and Darke County, Ohio, the home of the premier and fastest half-mile dirt track around.

Hosting an event the size of many of the races is no small task, especially when it comes to Public Safety issues. Law Enforcement agencies area-wide strive to provide a safe and enjoyable venue for our visitors, business persons, and residents. Safety issues are a priority and we ask for your help in making all these events safe and enjoyable.

Traffic related issues, aggressive driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, unsafe speed and violations of right-of-way can be a factor in traffic crashes that result in injuries. My Deputies will be aggressively enforcing traffic laws and ask that you please drive safely.

While many parking and camping areas provide excellent access for you and other visitors, they also create a major safety concern for pedestrian traffic crossing highways in an unlit, rural setting.

One major problem that has occurred in the past, and will no longer be tolerated, is the operation of unlicensed vehicles on the roadway, *including golf carts*! These types of vehicles will not be permitted to cross, or be operated, on any portion of the highway. Anyone convicted of operating an unlicensed motor vehicle on the roadway, or right of way thereof, will serve a minimum of 3 days in jail plus fines and court costs as specified under section 4519.40 of the Ohio Revised Code. Another word of caution, under the Ohio Revised Code section 4511.19, no one may operate *any vehicle anywhere in the state* while under the influence of alcohol. This includes golf carts or "any vehicle, even on private property."

Special Events are an important part of our local economy and we want everyone, residents and visitors alike, to have a safe and enjoyable visit.

Please drive safely and enjoy the races!

Sincerely,

Toby L. Spencer

Sheriff of Darke County