



## *News from the Ohio Turnpike*

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### ***Turnpike service plazas to offer FREE coffee***

**Dec. 27, 2013** (Berea, OH) – The holidays are almost over and as this year comes to an end, the Ohio Turnpike wishes to thank our dedicated employees who have been working around-the-clock to make sure that the roadway is clear and safe for travelers and that personnel is available at the service plazas to answer questions or offer assistance when needed.

At the culmination of this holiday season, the Ohio Turnpike estimates it will have had more than 3.7 million people traveling on the roadway, with many stopping at one of the 14 service plazas to rest, grab a bite to eat or fuel up. Recently, the Portage Service Plaza in Mantua (at MP 197.0 WB) and the Vermilion Valley Service Plaza in Amherst (at MP 139.5 EB) received national recognition from *The USA Today* as two of the busiest service plazas in the United States.

The modern service plazas are spacious enough to accommodate a large volume of customers anytime of the day, including all major holidays. On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, the Ohio Turnpike vendors have a long-standing tradition of offering complimentary coffee to holiday travelers. This offer is valid for one cup of hot coffee from 10PM New Year's Eve until 7AM New Year's Day, at the following service plaza locations: APlus Convenience Store, Burger King, Hardees and McDonald's.

While motorists have been fortunate that Mother Nature cooperated for Christmas travel, more adverse weather is predicted around New Year's Day. As always, we advise travelers to use caution and drive accordingly to the conditions. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) will be working closely with the Turnpike's maintenance crews and toll collectors to observe for any hazardous or unsafe driving, especially on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Customers can always report dangerous behavior directly to OSHP by dialing \*990.

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