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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

National Enforcement Campaign Through New Year's

SAN FERNANDO, CA – The San Fernando Police Department encourages everyone attending holiday parties and gatherings where alcohol may be involved to use a designated sober driver or alternate transportation method such as public transportation or a ride-sharing service.

This holiday season, beginning December 13, 2019 through the New Year's, the San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) will have more officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. In addition, SFPD will hold a DUI Saturation Patrol on Saturday, December 21, 2019, from 6 pm to 2 am, throughout the City of San Fernando.

"During the Holiday season, we want everyone to enjoy time with friends and family safely. Unfortunately, some people will choose to drink and will drive while impaired. Given the many transportation alternatives that are available, there is no excuse to drink and drive. Please select a sober driver so everyone can enjoy a safe and festive holiday season," Chief Anthony Vairo said.

SFPD reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

So if you are hosting a holiday party, offer non-alcoholic drinks for designated sober drivers and monitor how people are getting home. If someone has been drinking and tries to leave, offer to have them stay the night or take ride-share home. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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