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## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON RESPONSIBLY

National "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Enforcement Campaign Began Dec. 12

SAN FERNANDO, CA – The San Fernando Police Department wants to remind the public of the dangers of driving impaired and to celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence. The holiday season can be dangerous for people on the roads. In December 2023 alone, 1,038 people were killed in the U.S. in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"We want to make sure everyone gets home safely so that they can celebrate the holiday season with their families and loved ones," Chief Fabian Valdez said. "Not only is driving impaired illegal, but it is also dangerous and never acceptable. We are asking everyone to do their part to keep themselves and everyone on the roads safe."

The San Fernando Police Department encourages everyone to plan ahead by designating a sober driver, using public transit, or calling a taxi or rideshare service if you intend to drink.

Impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, cannabis products and other drugs may also cause impairment. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone who appears to be driving while impaired, call 9-1-1.

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