

# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Winter Park PD Reminds Drivers to Have a Safe Holiday Season and to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”**

**[Winter Park, Florida]** – Due to the increase in drunk-driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year the Winter Park Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies across the nation, will be supporting the fight against drug and alcohol impaired driving by participating in multi-agency and local saturation patrols between December 18, 2015 and January 3, 2016.

The holiday season is a particularly dangerous time. In December 2013 alone there were 733 people killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. Twenty three of those deaths occurred on Christmas Day. (Source NHTSA).

**For this reason those who choose to drive while impaired this Holiday season should be forewarned. Between December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 the Winter Park Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies, will be out in force conducting roving saturation patrols looking for alcohol and drug impaired drivers, and we will catch you.**

**No warnings. No excuses. If you drive impaired, you will be arrested.**

To keep safe this Holiday season, the Winter Park Police Department recommends these tips:

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend, or use public transportation;
- Walking impaired can be just as dangerous as drunk driving;
- If you've had too much to drink use the AAA Tow-to-Go program (855-286-9246);
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.

For more information on the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, please visit [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov).

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