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Monterey Park Police Department: Cinco de Mayo is Near-Please Celebrate Responsibly

Monterey Park, Calif. - May 1, 2019 - For many people across the country, Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) is a time for fun and celebrations that may involve drinking.

The holiday, which happens to fall on a Sunday this year, is a reminder to the public to celebrate responsibly and not drive impaired.

On May 3, 2019, [Monterey Park Police Department](#) will hold a DUI/driver's license checkpoint at an undisclosed location within city limits from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.



"We understand the importance of this day to many people, but it does not give you an excuse to drink and drive," Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith said. "There are many options to get home safely that don't involve you driving."

MPPD encourages everyone to plan ahead and use a designated sober driver, ride-share or public transportation. The police department also wants to remind everyone that a "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana can all be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

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