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Monterey Park Police: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving, Take a Sober Ride Home This Holiday Season

Monterey Park, Calif. - November 25, 2019 - Monterey Park Police Department is reminding everyone who plans to drink, to plan on getting a sober ride home.

This holiday season, and every day, the safest way to drive is when you are sober.

To help people get to holiday parties and seasonal travel destinations safely, Monterey Park Police Department will have extra officers on patrol looking for drivers who are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The enforcement efforts are part of a national enforcement campaign to discourage impaired driving from November 29 to December 10.

“We want everyone to enjoy the holidays, and being responsible plays a major part in that,” said Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith. “The danger is clear, so before you head out for a party, make sure you have a safe way to get home.”

Alcohol is not the only thing that affects your driving ability. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

So if you plan on drinking or taking drugs that can impair, play it safe and have a designated sober driver.

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