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Monterey Park Police: Don't Rely on Luck, Designate a Sober Driver this St. Patrick's Day

Monterey Park, Calif. - March 12, 2020 - If you plan to have a few cheers for St. Patrick's Day, remember to plan ahead and have a designated sober driver take you home.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are one of the biggest drinking nights of the year, which makes it all the more important to let someone who has not been drinking take you home.

To help keep the public safe, [Monterey Park Police Department](#) will have extra officers on patrol this St. Patrick's Day, March 17 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In 2018 alone, 73 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period (6 p.m. March 16 to 5:59 a.m. March 18).

"If you need to ask yourself whether you are okay to drive, the answer is probably no," Monterey Park Interim Police Chief Kelly Gordon said. "We want people to have fun, but also be responsible. Part of that responsibility is arranging a safe way to get home."

If you plan on drinking, designate a sober driver, take a ride-share or use public transportation to get around. If you ever see a drunk driver on the road, call 911.

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