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Media Advisory



Joining Forces in Northern Nevada Increase DUI Enforcement

The Nevada Highway Patrol is teaming up with several other northern Nevada law enforcement agencies to include the Reno and Sparks Police Departments and the Lyon and Washoe County Sheriff's Offices, for a "Joining Forces" DUI Enforcement and awareness event beginning October 19, 2012 thru November 9, 2012. During this two-week time frame, agencies will be beefing up patrol in the Reno/Sparks area and the greater Carson City area, focusing on our efforts on identifying impaired drivers. This event is funded by the Office of Traffic Safety and is one of many campaigns that are conducted throughout the year to help reduce accidents and fatalities in northern Nevada.

In 2011, the Nevada Highway Patrol arrested 3714 drivers for DUI statewide.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2010, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes – one every 51 minutes.

So if you are planning to celebrate the up and coming holidays with an alcoholic beverage or two, please plan your activities safely in advance by designating a safe and sober driver or utilize public transportation. The fines and penalties alone far exceed the cost of a cab ride; let alone the costs of medical bills, or worse, if you are involved in an alcohol-related crash.

As a reminder always buckle up and limit those distractions so that you may arrive at your intended destination where ever that may be safely!!!!!!

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