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Local Law Enforcement Agencies Partner Together for DUI Saturation Enforcement

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is "Joining Forces" with the Reno Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol and the Sparks Police Department from Friday, March 16th to Sunday, March 25th for a DUI Saturation Enforcement Campaign. Each law enforcement agency is tasked with keeping our roadways as safe as possible while enforcing the DUI laws.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes several events that take place during this time frame: St. Patrick's Day (weekend), the various NCAA "March Madness" men's and women's basketball tournaments, the 1st day of spring on Tuesday, March 20th, Major League Baseball's 2012 spring training, several schools will be on spring break and people enjoying outdoor recreational activities throughout the Truckee Meadows. Historically, these events bring an increase in alcohol consumption.

The public is reminded to plan accordingly if they've had any alcoholic beverages. Never trust a person who says they drank the least. If a person consumes any amount of alcohol they shouldn't drive. Alcohol impairs a person's judgment and attention. Be responsible and consider transportation options available to avoid driving while impaired. Some options are securing a designated sober driver, public transportation or a taxi service.

The "Joining Forces" DUI Enforcement Campaign is made possible by grant funding received from the Nevada Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety. "Joining Forces" is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement program that promotes statewide enforcement in the areas of: DUI, seat belt, and speed and pedestrian safety. The purpose of this event is to educate the driving public in regards to DUI laws, to enforce the community's no tolerance stance towards impaired driving and to remind people that it's never safe to drive impaired.

The Sheriff's Office uses a nationally recognized data driven approach to reducing crime and increasing public safety in our community. Sheriff's Office data has shown a high incidence of traffic violations, traffic accidents, traffic problems and DUI arrests in this particular area. The Sheriff's Office continues to be a data-driven law enforcement agency, where we proactively fight crime in the region and better service the citizens of our community.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office celebrated 150 years of proud service and community partnership in 2011. Sheriff Michael Haley is the 25th person elected to serve as the Sheriff of Washoe County. His office continues to be the only full service public safety agency operating within northern Nevada and is responsible for operating the consolidated detention facility, regional crime lab, Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center, Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, court security, service of civil process, traditional street patrols and Regional Animal Services.

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