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“Joining Forces” Grant Funds Additional Law Enforcement Officers to Patrol Area Highways and Roadways for Super Bowl Sunday to Identify Impaired Drivers

Several area law enforcement agencies from Northern Nevada will be teaming up this Super Bowl Sunday by increasing the number of patrol officers on our area roadways and highways looking for impaired motorists. With a federally funded “joining forces” grant secured by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety, additional law enforcement personnel from the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, Nevada Highway Patrol, and the Reno and Sparks police departments will be on overtime shifts saturating our area thoroughfares on Sunday afternoon and evening looking for motorists who may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a preventable crime, yet everyday at least one person is arrested in Washoe County for this offense. With alcohol normally consumed during large celebrations and sporting events, we want everyone who will be consuming alcohol this Super Bowl Sunday to plan their celebrations and parties safely and responsibly. “If you plan on consuming any amount of alcohol, don’t operate a motor vehicle. And, if you are hosting a party, please be sure no one leaves the event after consuming alcohol without a safe ride home” stated Trooper Chuck Allen of the Nevada Highway Patrol.

The following safety tips and advisories are provided to prevent an alcohol-related crash or arrest from occurring:

- Refrain from drinking alcohol whenever you intend on driving a motor vehicle
- Designate a safe and sober driver; not the person in your group who has consumed the least amount of alcohol
- Utilize public transportation such as a taxi-cab or bus to provide a safe ride to your destination

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