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## **Media Release**

### **NHP's Results from St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

The St. Patrick's Day celebration has come and gone and has left its mark with green party favors to be cleaned up and many green tongues from green colored foods and beverages had by many across Northern Nevada. Hundreds upon hundreds celebrated the Irish holiday and the majority of those that celebrated did so responsibly.

The Nevada Highway Patrol with the help of television news channels and newspapers across the state sent out a message for people celebrating St. Patrick's Day to drink responsibly and not drink and drive and help keep the roadways safe. Most did just that.

Many people took advantage of the safer alternatives of drinking and driving. The RTC promoted free rides from 4pm until midnight and AAA also contributed by offering free tows to members and non-members to any destination in the Reno-Sparks area so patrons would not have to drive home.

The Nevada Highway Patrol logged only two (2) Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests in the Reno-Sparks area. Both of those arrest happened between the hours of 8pm and 12 midnight. Also the NHP did not investigate any major or serious injury accidents during the same celebration hours in the Reno-Sparks area.

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