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## **Enforcement Agencies Work to Eliminate Impaired Driving and Riding Fatalities As Holiday Months Approach**

### *The Nevada Highway Patrol Strives for Zero Fatalities in Efforts to Keep Nevada Roadways Safe*

Fatalities due to impaired driving and riding continue to be a top traffic issue on Nevada's roadways and with overall fatalities at an increase in comparison to this time last year. The **Nevada Highway Patrol** is working in conjunction with the Washoe County Sheriff's Department, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Carson City Sheriff's Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Department and the Douglas County Sheriff's Department who are all aligned with *Joining Forces* to boost enforcement efforts.

Impaired driving fatalities have consistently been the most common cause of motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries and death in Nevada. While alcohol related crashes and fatalities have decreased 48-percent compared to this time last year, there has still been an increase in overall fatalities to date. With the summer months in rear view, a period known by enforcement officials as the "hundred deadliest days," enforcement officials are reminding motorists to make responsible decisions when taking to the roadways as the holiday months approach.

What seems like a small buzz can have deadly consequences when taking to the roadways. Illegal drugs, prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and lack of sleep can also impair your ability to drive safely. Law enforcement wants to remind motorists to always drive and ride sober or use a designated driver to reach your destinations safe.

In efforts to achieve the "Zero Fatalities" goal this holiday season, drivers and riders are encouraged to know the law for blood alcohol levels and to abide by the following guidelines:

- designate a sober driver before drinking;
- use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation if impaired;
- take advantage of local sober ride programs;
- call 911 if a drunk driver is spotted on the road;
- take the keys or assist in making other arrangements for someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired

For resources and laws pertaining to impaired driving and riding, please visit <http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com/dont-drive-impaired>.