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## Media Release

Nevada Highway Patrol Joins Forces to Crack Down on Impaired Drivers Over The Super Bowl Weekend

Impaired Driving Enforcement Effort Jan 22 – Feb 8, 2016

Over the next two weeks, Northern Nevada residents can expect to see double or even triple the normal law enforcement presence. The Nevada Highway Patrol has joined forces with law enforcement agencies statewide to crack down on impaired driving, and has an important message for the public: if you'll be drinking, designate a sober driver, and if you drive impaired, you will be arrested.

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.

Increasing law enforcement presence during these weeks supports the overall state goal of reaching Zero Fatalities. Northern Nevada residents can help us reach that goal by following these safety 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

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## *Joining Forces* enforcement is paid for by Nevada-Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.

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

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