

March 20, 2017

‘Experience’ the Distraction of Driving High

See through marijuana-impaired goggles why driving high is dangerous and a serious crime

WHAT: [Zero Fatalities](#), The Nevada Highway Patrol in partnership with the Clark County School District Police Department, invites media to drive an obstacle course and take a mock field sobriety test—first sober, and then wearing marijuana impaired goggles. The result will speak for itself: To reach Zero Fatalities, marijuana users must never risk driving high.

From March 20 to April 11, Zero Fatalities will be reminding Nevadans to never risk marijuana impaired driving with an educational campaign. Part of the campaign includes Nevada’s first-ever marijuana impaired PSA, which can be viewed on the Zero Fatalities YouTube channel.

Though recreational use of marijuana is legal in Nevada, the use of marijuana prior to, or in the act of, driving is illegal and a serious crime. Nevada law enforcement officers are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of driving under the influence of marijuana. Those found driving high will be given a DUI. The average cost of a DUI is \$10,000.

WHEN: MEDIA ACCESS: Tuesday, March 22, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - noon

WHERE: NHP Headquarters parking lot 4615 W. Sunset Rd, Las Vegas 89118

WHO:

Trp. Chelsea Stuenkel, Nevada Highway Patrol PIO
Trp. Loy Hixson, Nevada Highway Patrol (Spanish speaking)
Trp. Deb Huff, Nevada Highway Patrol Drug Recognition Expert
Robert Mayer, Clark County School District Police Officer

VISUALS:

- Sober and “marijuana impaired” pedal bike and battery go-kart driving of the obstacle course
- Sober and “marijuana impaired” hands on activities, including shooting basketballs
- Mock field sobriety tests

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