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## ***NEWS ADVISORY***

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### **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over This Holiday Season** *National Enforcement Campaign Through New Year's*

National City, Calif. – The National City Police Department encourages everyone attending holiday parties and gatherings where alcohol may be involved to use a designated sober driver.

This holiday season, from Dec. 13 to New Year's, The National City Police Department will have more officers on patrol specifically looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In addition, The National City Police Department will hold a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint during this National Enforcement Campaign at an undisclosed location in the city.

“Sadly, during the holiday season we see more people driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, Sergeant Matt Smith said. “With all of the options available, there is no excuse for driving impaired.”

The National City Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and marijuana can also impair; especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

So if you are hosting a holiday party, offer non-alcoholic drinks for designated sober drivers and monitor how people are getting home. If someone has been drinking and tries to leave, offer to have them stay the night or take ride-share home.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**MEDIA NOTES:** To schedule an interview regarding the National City Police Department Traffic Safety Operations, please contact **Sergeant M. Smith at (619) 336-4438** or via email at [msmith@nationalcityca.gov](mailto:msmith@nationalcityca.gov)

