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SUFFOLK POLICE REMIND YOU TO DRIVE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 5, 2019) 'Tis the season, and with holiday parties and festivities taking place over the next several weeks, Suffolk Police remind you to be extra cautious behind the wheel and to celebrate responsibly.

Impaired drivers are the biggest concern this time of year, but a growing number of accidents are caused by distracted driving. The holiday season usually means more communication between loved ones, but you should never text, surf the web or try to operate your smartphone while driving. The holiday season also increases the amount of fatigue, pressured, and drowsy drivers trying to travel long distances. The best advice for staying safe while driving during the holidays is to remain extra vigilant, get a good night's rest before traveling, follow the speed limits, refrain from using your cell phone, use your seat belts and always utilize the designated driver method when alcohol is involved.

Citizens can help prevent the deaths and injuries caused by impaired driving by making sure they always plan for safe and sober rides home. Don't be afraid to intervene if someone attempts to get behind the wheel. Call a cab on their behalf, take away their keys, or call the police for assistance. Every instance of impaired driving is 100% preventable. You could save a life.

When hosting a holiday party, have plenty of alcohol-free choices available for designated drivers or those who don't wish to consume alcohol.

If you see a suspected DUI driver, call 911 to report and advise a vehicle description and direction of travel.

The Suffolk Police Department takes great pride in maintaining the safety of the roadways throughout the jurisdiction and wants all motorists to enjoy the holidays and make it to their destinations safely. Increased patrols are one of many tools the Suffolk Police Department use to make the roadways safer for all who travel on them.

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