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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES ST. PATRICK'S DAY DRIVING SAFETY

SUFFOLK, VA (March 14, 2014) The upcoming St. Patrick's Day holiday is a festive one in our area. The Suffolk Police Department will be working to keep our roadways safe during the holiday period.

All across Virginia, people will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at local restaurants, bars and parties, and many of these celebrations may include alcohol. The Suffolk Police Department advises that if you are drinking please do not get behind the wheel. In 2012, 5,861 people were injured and 229 were killed in alcohol-related crashes in the State of Virginia.

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Residents are encouraged to take the following easy steps, for a safe St. Patrick's Day:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to dial 911 to notify Suffolk Police.
- And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

The Suffolk Police Department wants to keep St. Patrick's Day a safe and happy holiday for everyone and encourages citizens to do their part.

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