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SUFFOLK POLICE OFFER SAFETY TIPS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

SUFFOLK, VA (December 29, 2017) December 31st is a traditional evening for festivities and parties to welcome in the new year. Suffolk Police would like to remind residents to be safe and not drink and drive following a night out to celebrate. Police will be actively patrolling City highways and streets watching for hazardous drivers and working to keep the City safe for all motorists.

Instead of getting behind the wheel in an impaired state, Police advise to take a cab, ridesharing service, carpool with your friends, or stay where you are until you are sober. A sober designated driver could mean the difference between a celebration and a tragedy.

If you're hosting a party, you'll want your guests to get home safely. One option might be to hire a driver for the evening to provide people a way to get home. Hosts should take the keys from someone if you think he/she is too impaired to drive. Other suggestions are to serve non-alcoholic beverages as an option to your guests and stop serving alcohol to your guests several hours before the party ends. You may also want to provide your guests with a place to stay overnight in your home.

Suffolk Police would like everyone to have a safe and happy New Year.

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