

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over This Holiday Season

National Enforcement Campaign Through New Year's

Turlock, CA – Turlock Police Department encourages everyone attending holiday parties and gatherings where alcohol may be involved to use a designated sober driver.

This holiday season, from December 13, 2019, to New Year's day, January 1, 2020, Turlock Police will have more officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In addition, Turlock Police will hold a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on December 21, 2019, from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location in the City of Turlock.

"Unfortunately, this time of year is when we see more people driving impaired," Sergeant David Hall said. "There is no excuse for driving after drinking or using drugs that impair. There are many ways to get home safely without driving."

Turlock Police 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 is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.







The Turlock Police Department is an active participant in the Crime Stoppers Program. Callers can leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and may be eligible for a cash reward.

To receive more detailed, up-to-date information directly from the Turlock Police Department via e-mail or text message, register for "Nixle" alerts at www.Nixle.com or more directly at https://local.nixle.com/register/, or, text your zip code to 888777 to receive text alerts only.

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