



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **Be Safe and Drive Sober This Holiday Season**

Fresno, Calif. – Millions of us will be traveling to visit friends and family over the holidays. The Fresno County District Attorney’s Office encourages everyone to have a holiday game plan that includes a designated sober driver.

During the Christmas and New Year’s holiday season, multiple law enforcement agencies in the County of Fresno will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Tragically, there is an uptick in impaired drivers during the holidays. For example, during the 2019 Christmas (Dec. 24 - Dec. 26) and New Year’s Day (Dec. 28, 2018 - Jan. 2, 2019) holiday periods, there were more drunk-driving related deaths (210) throughout the country than during any other holiday period in 2019.

“We want everyone to enjoy the holidays and be safe,” said District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp. “We’d like to remind everyone that with all of the holiday cheer comes responsibility. So please plan ahead, and find a safe, sober ride home from holiday parties and gatherings.”

The Fresno County District Attorney’s Office would like to remind drivers that a “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

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