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Enter First Name, Phone and Email March, Enter Day, 2024

**Celebrate this St. Patrick’s Day Responsibly:
Designate a Sober Driver, Your Lucky Charm**

Enter your City, Calif. – With the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations fast approaching, the Enter Your Police or Sheriff’s Department will be on alert for suspected impaired drivers and reminds the community to celebrate responsibly by designating a sober driver - your lucky charm for a safe and enjoyable celebration.

Delete this if not applicable. Additional officers will be on patrol March 17 from enter time p.m. to time a.m. or p.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Delete this if not applicable. The Enter Your Police/Sheriff’s Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) Checkpoint Enter Month and Day from Enter time p.m. to Enter time p.m./a.m. at an undisclosed location or add location depending on Department policy.

“St. Patrick’s Day is a time for celebration, but it’s important to celebrate responsibly,” Enter Police or Sheriff Department Rank First and Last name said. “Designating a sober driver before the festivities begin can save lives. It's a simple way to make sure everyone traveling on our roads gets home safely."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), St. Patrick’s Day is one of the deadliest times on our nation’s roads. More than 13,384 preventable deaths throughout 2021 involved drunk driving, representing 31% of all traffic fatalities in the United States that year. Over the 2021 St. Patrick’s Day holiday period, specifically, 47 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in the U.S.

The Enter Police Department, Rank, First and Last name wants to warn the community that alcohol is not the only substance that can cause impairment. Marijuana, prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may also impair. Do your research and understand how certain drugs may affect your driving ability.

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