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

Buena Park, Calif. – Millions of us will be traveling to visit friends and family over the holidays. The Buena Park Police Department encourages everyone to have a holiday game plan that includes a designated sober driver.

During the pre-Christmas and New Year's holiday season Nov. 30-Dec. 14, The Buena Park Police Department 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. 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 Sgt. Shaddow. "Please, find a safe, sober ride home from holiday parties." The Buena Park Police Department reminds 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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