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IMPAIRED DRIVER ENFORCEMENT NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

The Tucson Police Department Impaired Driver Enforcement Unit will have increased DUI enforcement efforts this weekend (Dec 30 and 31, 2016) as part of the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force.

Beginning Friday, December 30 and continuing through Saturday, December 31, 2016, officers from the Tucson Police Department will conduct high visibility DUI deployments throughout the community. Along with other participating law enforcement agencies from Southern Arizona, the Tucson Police Department will deploy additional officers and resources in DUI saturation patrols. The goal of the saturation patrols is to increase the awareness of motorists regarding the dangers of impaired driving, deter those who may be impaired from driving and investigate DUI offenses to reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road. These saturation patrols are an important component in the Tucson Police Department's continued effort to combat impaired driving and reduce injuries and deaths. Funding for these deployments was made available through a grant awarded from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the purpose of conducting DUI saturation patrols and DUI Task Force operations.

This year, we are pleased to announce the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force has created a partnership with AAA aimed at providing a safe transportation alternative for Tucson residents. To help prevent impaired driving in Southern Arizona, AAA has teamed up with the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force to provide residents a safe and free ride home with their 'Tippy Tow' service. The Tippy Tow will be available on Dec 31, 2016 from 6PM to 6AM on Jan 1, 2017.

To use this service, call 1-800-AAA-HELP and ask for Tippy Tow. Drivers, passengers, party hosts, bartenders and/or restaurant managers should:

- Call 1-800-AAA-HELP (1-800-222-4357) between 6 p.m. Dec. 31 and 6 a.m. Jan. 1.
- State that they need a "Tippy Tow."
- Provide the driver's name, home address, phone number and vehicle/driver location.

Tippy Tow provides a free 10-mile tow and ride home. For mileage beyond this, motorists are charged a standard towing rate. The service does not include roadside assistance.

The Tucson Police Department encourages drivers to not drink and drive. If you choose to consume alcohol, utilize a designated sober driver, Tippy Tow service, taxi cab, or ride share service to avoid putting lives at risk.

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