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### **IMPAIRED DRIVER ENFORCEMENT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY DEPLOYMENT**

The Tucson Police Department Impaired Driver Enforcement Unit will have increased DUI enforcement efforts this Thanksgiving Holiday as part of the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force.

Starting November 22, 2017, through November 25, 2017, 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.

This DUI deployment is one of fourteen designated weekend DUI deployments the Tucson Police Department will participate in as part of the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force in 2017. 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.

The Tucson Police Department encourages drivers to NOT drink and drive. If you choose to consume alcohol, utilize a designated sober driver, taxicab, or ride share service to avoid putting lives at risk. Driving under the influence is against the law and 100% preventable. Please, make the right choice and have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

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