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## Monterey Park Police Department Reminds Travelers to Be Safe and Drive Sober This Holiday Season

Monterey Park, Calif. - December 1, 2021 - Millions of us will be traveling to visit friends and family over the holidays. The [Monterey 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 November 30-December 14, Monterey 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. 24-26) 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," Monterey Park Police Chief Kelly Gordon said. "The more people who plan ahead and find a safe, sober ride home from holiday parties and get together, the more the merrier."

The Monterey 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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