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Monterey Park Police: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over This Holiday Season

National enforcement campaign through New Year's

Monterey Park, Calif. - December 12, 2019 - [Monterey Park Police Department](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) encourages everyone attending holiday parties and gatherings where alcohol may be involved to use a designated sober driver.

This holiday season, from December 13 to New Year's, Monterey Park Police Department will have more officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

"Unfortunately, this time of year is when we see more people driving impaired," Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith said. "There is no excuse for driving after drinking or using drugs that impair. There are many ways to get home safely without driving."

Monterey Park Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

So, if you are hosting a holiday party, offer non-alcoholic drinks for designated sober drivers and monitor how people are getting home. If someone has been drinking and tries to leave, offer to have them stay the night or take ride-share home.

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