Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The Beaverton Police Department will have additional officers out on St. Patrick’s Day specifically looking for impaired drivers.

Tragically, March 17 has become one of the nation’s deadliest holidays. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during the 2014 St. Patrick’s Day holiday period (6 p.m., March 16, to 5:59 a.m., March 18), more than a quarter (28%) of all motor vehicle crash fatalities involved drunk drivers. The early hours of March 18 were even worse: between midnight and 5:59 a.m., nearly half of all crash fatalities involved drunk drivers. In fact, from 2010 to 2014, almost three-fourths of the drunk-driving fatalities during this holiday period involved drivers who had BACs well above the .08 legal limit, with 266 drunk-driving fatalities total. And keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink; walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention and coordination puts drunk pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle. No matter how you plan to get home, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

We are greatly encouraged by the downward trend in drunk-driving fatalities. However, we still want to encourage everyone to make a plan before heading out to the festivities. Drinking and driving is dangerous and illegal. If you are caught driving drunk, you will be arrested. Do not wait until you’ve already been drinking to find a sober driver, and never try to drive when you’re drunk. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Even one drink is dangerous if you’re behind the wheel of a car.

The National Traffic Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) has an app called SaferRide. This app is available for Apple and Android devices. It allows you to pre-program a contact to call if you drink too much for a ride home. It also will provide you a list of available taxi services in your area, and with the tap of a button call them. If you are interested in getting the app please click on the link below.


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