

Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month



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- **Impaired driving** is one of the most often committed crimes, randomly killing someone in America every 30 minutes.
- More than 17,000 people are killed each year. More than 300,000 people are injured.
- Every year 1.5 million impaired drivers are arrested -- but only 1 arrest is made for every 772 occurrences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Repeat offenders account for a high number of alcohol-related crashes.
- One in three Americans will be affected by this violent crime in their lifetime. This means you, your family, or friends are equally likely to be innocent victims.
- Impaired driving is no accident, nor is it a victimless crime.
- A national partnership of criminal justice & traffic safety partners will join forces, from December 20th to January 5th, to catch impaired drivers & to lock them up.
- Their message is simple:



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- Remind your friends that impairment often begins with the first drink.
- If you feel 'buzzed', you are probably impaired.
- Refusing a blood alcohol concentration test can lose your license. You'll be spending your money on bail & towing fees, instead of holiday gifts.
- *Remind your friends & loved ones...*
 - Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
 - Don't risk it - if you plan to drive, don't drink.
 - Before partying, arrange for a sober, designated driver.
 - If you didn't plan in advance, use mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a friend to drive you home. Or...
 - Spend the night where the activity is being held.
 - If you're the host, include the needs of designated drivers in your party plans.

