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## POLICE STEPPING UP DUI ENFORCEMENT FOR HOLIDAY

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – (6/28/12) – Independence Day is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to alcohol-related vehicle crashes, police say.

That's why the Temple Terrace Police Department is stepping up its DUI enforcement efforts this Fourth of July as part of the ongoing "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. Police officers will be working hard to catch and arrest impaired drivers who put themselves and others at risk.

Police will be on the lookout for impaired driving through increased sobriety checkpoints, roving and saturation patrols, and other enforcement methods.

Fourth of July celebrations often start during the day, but last well into the night – making the dangers from impaired drivers even higher at night. The proportion of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes on Independence Day 2010 was almost five times higher at night (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.) than during the day, statistics show. In fact, more than 80 percent of alcohol-related driving fatalities took place at nighttime.

The Temple Terrace Police Department recommends these simple tips for a safe Fourth of July:

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- Remember, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help make other arrangements to get them to where they're going.
- For more information, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober](http://www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober).

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