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HALLOWEEN REVELERS CAN'T HIDE DRUNK DRIVING BEHIND A MASK

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – (10/29/12) - If you think a Halloween costume will disguise your drunk driving, the Temple Terrace Police Department has a message for you: “Keep the party off the road.”

“Local revelers should be aware that their Halloween disguises won't make them invisible to police, who will crack down on drunk drivers throughout the area with an aggressive *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement effort,” said police Capt. Mike Pridemore.

Nighttime is always a dangerous time on the road, but Halloween can be particularly scary when intoxicated drivers get behind the wheel. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 41 percent of all highway fatalities throughout the nation during the Halloween period in 2010 (6 p.m. Oct. 29 to 5:59 a.m. Nov. 1) involved a driver or a motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher.

“The scariest parts of Halloween aren't the spooky costumes and frightening pranks,” Pridemore said. “It's that too often drivers don't plan ahead and end up making a poor decision to get behind the wheel, putting us all in danger.”

To keep safe this Halloween, the Temple Terrace Police Department recommends these simple tips:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver, and leave your car keys at home.
- If you're impaired, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement.