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Operation Dry Streets Focuses on Roadway Safety

(Temple Terrace, FL – March 11, 2020) The Temple Terrace Police Department (TTPD) along with the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA), Florida Police Chiefs Association (FCPA) and the Florida Highway Patrol will conduct Operation Dry Streets this weekend, a joint statewide initiative that focuses on keeping the roads safe this weekend. As part of this effort, TTPD will host a saturation patrol targeting impaired drivers in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies and support from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, on Friday, March 13 from 9 p.m. until Saturday, March 14 at 3 a.m.

"The City and FPCA is proud to partner with the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Highway Patrol on Operation Dry Streets," said Temple Terrace Police Chief and FPCA President Kenneth Albano.

"The number one priority for the Police Chiefs in the state of Florida is to create a safe environment for our citizens and visitors, and Operation Dry Streets will help us in our efforts. Each year, far too many Floridians and visitors to our state are killed or injured from drunk drivers. By partnering together on Operation Dry Streets, we will certainly save lives. We remind our residents to never drink and drive and stay vigilant of those around you that may be driving impaired."

Statewide, Operation Dry Streets will continue through the weekend to identify traffic violators and those with visible signs of impairment, enhancing overall safety, raising community awareness and more.

"I would like to thank (FSA President and Pinellas County) Sheriff Bob Gualtieri and Chief Albano for coordinating this very important traffic safety initiative," said Colonel Gene Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol.

"The Florida Highway Patrol is dedicated to traffic safety, and we will be out in full force working alongside of our sheriffs' offices and police departments during Operation Dry Streets to ensure our residents and visitors are safe on our highways.

"During this three-day enforcement detail," Spaulding continued, "deputy sheriffs, city police officers and state troopers will be working together to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving, while aggressively targeting those individuals who choose to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Our goal is to ensure the residents and visitors of our state Arrive Alive."

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