



# NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date and Time:** August 17<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Location:** San Mateo County

**Summary:** The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Encourages Community to Choose a Sober Way to Travel

San Mateo County, California – As the summer travel season wraps up, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office reminds drivers to be responsible and never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office asks residents to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family by buckling up, avoiding distractions behind the wheel, following the speed limit, and not driving impaired.

To help keep our community safe, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will have additional officers on patrol August 17<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup>, looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The additional efforts to prevent impaired driving are part of a national enforcement campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

In addition to patrols, the San Mateo County Sheriff's will hold a DUI Checkpoint on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM in the City of Millbrae

In 2020, 1,159 people were killed throughout the state in drunk driving-related crashes, which accounted for 30 percent of all traffic deaths.

While drunk driving is a significant traffic safety problem, driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana may also impair. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone driving impaired, call 9-1-1.

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