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Make This a Holiday Season to Remember: Celebrate Responsibly with a "Go Safely" Game Plan

National "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Enforcement Campaign Begins Dec. 13

San Mateo County, Calif. – The holiday season can be a dangerous time for people on the roads. In December 2021 alone, 1,013 people were killed in the U.S. in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office wants to remind the public of the dangers of driving impaired and celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence.

From Dec. 13 through New Year's Day, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will have additional deputies on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The high-visibility enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, with the goal of stopping suspected impaired drivers who put others on the road at risk.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to stay in for the night or have a "go safely" game plan by scheduling a ride or designating a sober driver if you plan to consume alcohol.

Impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Marijuana, prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may also impair. Do your research and understand how certain drugs may affect your driving ability.

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