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St. Patrick's Day Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint. Plan Ahead and Celebrate Responsibly with a Designated Sober Driver

Millbrae, California - This St. Patrick's Day don't push your luck. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a driving under the influence (DUI) and driver's license checkpoint on Friday, March 17, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The checkpoint will take place on the 00-100 blocks of El Camino Real in Millbrae.

DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The primary purpose of DUI checkpoints is to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

"Drunk drivers are a continuing problem on our nation's roads, especially around days like St. Patrick's Day," said Sheriff Christina Corpus. "People need to know that they can go out for a night of fun and return home safely by ensuring they have a sober driver take them home. Don't be the reason someone — including yourself — doesn't get home. Don't let St. Patrick's Day become an anniversary of a tragic night."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest times on our nation's roads. In 2020, more than 11,000 people in the U.S. died in drunk-driving crashes.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office wants to warn the community that alcohol is not the only substance that can cause impairment. 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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