

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## DRIVE SOBER. NO REGRETS.



As part of the Texas Department of Transportation's *Drive Sober. No Regrets.* campaign for the holidays, Harlingen Police Department and law enforcement officers across Texas will increase DWI patrols to identify and stop impaired drivers.

The campaign aims to decrease crashes and save lives by reminding drivers how one bad choice—the decision to get behind the wheel after consuming alcohol—can have serious physical, emotional and financial consequences that can last for years. Drunk driving crashes are 100% preventable. Choosing to find a sober ride home as part of their holiday celebrations ensures drivers won't do something they will regret. The increased enforcement begins December 17 and runs through January 1, 2022.

Last year in Texas, there were 2,462 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes during the holiday season of December 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021. Those crashes killed 93 people and seriously injured another 215.

Driving under the influence of alcohol not only risks death or serious injuries, but it can also be costly. Drivers can face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. Instead of getting behind the wheel if you've been drinking, here are some other options:

- Designate a sober driver.
- Call a sober friend or family member.
- Contact a cab or rideshare service.
- Spend the night.



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*Drive Sober. No Regrets.* is a key component of [#EndTheStreakTX](#), a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.



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