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COMMUNITY BULLETIN CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH A DESIGNATED DRIVER

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The holiday season is a time for fun and celebration as we enjoy festivities with friends and family and welcome a new year. Unfortunately, the holidays can also mean an increase in drug and alcohol-related vehicle crashes, injuries, and deaths.

Over the holiday period and on New Year's Eve, the Burbank Police Department will increase patrol efforts to enforce drug and alcohol-related driving offenses. The purpose of these enforcement efforts is to reduce the amount of alcohol and drug-related vehicle crashes, injuries, and deaths. Motorists caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, education classes, license suspensions, and other expenses that can easily exceed \$10,000, not to mention the embarrassment often associated with arrest.

The Burbank Police Department would like to remind the community to enjoy and celebrate the holidays and New Year's Eve by enlisting the help of a designated driver. Plan your sober ride home before the party begins on December 31. With so many options available to get you home safely, there is no excuse for getting behind the wheel when you are impaired. To avoid a DUI and putting yourself and others at risk, the Burbank Police Department reminds you of the following:

- Always designate a sober driver.
- Or, use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home.
- Have a friend or family member who is about to drive buzzed or impaired? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

The Burbank Police Department wishes you a safe holiday season and Happy New Year, along with the California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to "Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1."

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