



JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

To: All Media
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The Jefferson City Police Department will join with other law enforcement agencies across Missouri, March 16 –20, 2022 with increased DWI saturation patrols enforcing Missouri's DWI laws and keeping impaired drivers off the road.

In 2020, there were 222 people killed and 716 people injured in traffic crashes that involved at least one impaired driver.

It's never worth the risk to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drivers can lose their license, pay large fines, or worst of all, cause a crash that results in serious injuries or a tragic loss of life. Impaired driving crashes **are** preventable. The only safe driver is one that is completely sober.

Please consider the following tips:

- ✚ Don't risk it- if you plan to drink, ***don't drive***.
- ✚ Choose a designated driver before going out. A designated driver is someone who drinks no alcohol at all.
- ✚ Don't get into a vehicle with a driver who chooses to drive while intoxicated. Find a way to convince that person that the choice they are making is a mistake.
- ✚ Party hosts should include alcohol-free beverages.
- ✚ Always report impaired drivers to law enforcement. Doing so **does** make a difference. **You** could be saving someone's life.
- ✚ Always wear your safety belt - it is your best defense against an impaired driver.

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