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MEDIA RELEASE

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Beverly Hills Police Department conducting DUI Enforcement Operations

Beverly Hills, CA - Officers from the Beverly Hills Police Department will be out Saturday night, January 26th, from 6:00 pm-4:00 am looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

DUI saturation patrols will take place in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests. In 2017, 1,120 people were killed in alcohol-involved crashes on California roads. The Beverly Hills Police Department investigates over 500 injury collision annually, many of which are DUI related.

In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Beverly Hills Police Department reminds drivers that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

The Beverly Hills Police Department encourages drivers to follow these tips to avoid a DUI:

- Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking, ride-share, cab or public transportation – to get home.
- See someone who is clearly impaired try and drive? Take the keys and help them make other arrangements to find a sober way home.
- Report drunk drivers – Call 911.
- Hosting a party? Offer nonalcoholic drinks. Monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to be upwards of \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

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