PRESS RELEASE

NEW YEAR’S EVE DUI ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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Officers from the Albany Police Department will be deploying to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers in our ongoing traffic safety campaign. DUI saturation patrols will deploy on Wednesday, December 31 in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

During the 2012 holidays, there were 1,698 people killed in crashes on our nation’s roads and 31% of those fatalities involved drunk drivers. In 2012, on Christmas Day alone, 26 people were killed by drunk drivers.

An average DUI costs $10,000. Violators can also face jail time, the loss of driver license, lost wages and many other expenses such as attorney fees, court costs, higher insurance rates, car towing and repair fees.

Drunk-driving fatalities happen around the holidays year after year. Let’s work to stop the cycle by:

- making a plan to get home safely before attending a party
- designating a sober driver
- serving non-alcoholic drinks at parties
- calling the police if you see someone driving drunk

Funding for this program is from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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