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## **Don't Let Drunk, or "High," Drive: Celebrate New Year's Eve Responsibly**

Visalia CA – This New Year's Eve, the Visalia Police Department reminds the public to celebrate responsibly by not driving under the influence.

The Visalia Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe and encourages everyone to stay in for the night or use a designated sober driver if you have alcohol, marijuana, prescription, or over-the-counter drugs that may impair.

Visalia Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The extra enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, with the goal of stopping suspected impaired drivers who put others on the road at risk.

"If nothing else, I hope people see this as a reminder or take it as a sign not to drive impaired this New Year's Eve" Agent Nate Henry said. "Make the right choice so everyone is able to enjoy bringing in the new year."

Impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Do your research and understand how certain drugs may affect your driving ability.

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