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## Menifee Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols

Menifee, Calif. - Additional officers from the Menifee Police Department will be out on patrol February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 7:00PM to 3:00AM looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

“DUI’s are 100% preventable and when somebody makes the bad decision to drive impaired; it can potentially have lifelong effects on so many people besides the impaired driver,” said Chief Chris Karrer. “Driving while under the influence of alcohol, and/or drugs, is dangerous, potentially deadly.” Please arrange for a ride if you plan on drinking or designate a sober driver when going out, otherwise you may get arrested and face legal challenges.

Menifee Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or “operating heavy machinery,” which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home. Driving sober is your safest bet.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI will pay a stiff price: an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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Chris Karrer

Interim Chief of Police

