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Menifee Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols

Menifee, CA - Additional officers from the Menifee Police Department will be out on patrol Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 5:00PM to 1:00AM looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

“DUIs are 100% preventable and when somebody makes the bad decision to drive impaired; it can potentially have lifelong effects,” said Sergeant Dan Beare. “Driving while under the influence of alcohol, and/or drugs, is dangerous and potentially deadly. It not only affects the driver but so many families and friends too.” 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.

The 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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