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Beaumont Police Department Reminds Drivers to Keep the Final Days of Summer Fun, Not Fatal

Beaumont, CA— As the end of summer approaches and families prepare for Labor Day celebrations, the City of Beaumont Police Department reminds everyone to prioritize safety on the roads. Drivers are encouraged to make responsible choices behind the wheel and never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

To help keep our community safe, the Beaumont Police Department will have additional officers on patrol from **August 16 through Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)**, looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The additional efforts to prevent impaired driving are part of a national enforcement campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

In addition to patrols, the Beaumont Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint on August 30, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the City of Beaumont, CA.

“We want everyone to enjoy the end of their summer travels and Labor Day celebrations, but it’s imperative to do so responsibly,” said Chief of Police Sean Thuilliez. “Driving under the influence not only puts your life at risk but also endangers everyone else on the road. Our goal is to save lives and reduce preventable collisions.”

The Beaumont Police Department offers the following Go Safely tips to help the public make smart, informed choices about how to stay safe on the go:

- **Plan Ahead:** If you know you’ll be drinking, arrange for a designated driver, use a ride-sharing service, taxi, or public transportation.
- **Buckle Up:** Wearing a seatbelt is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself in the event of a crash.
- **Stay Alert:** Avoid distractions such as texting or eating while driving. Keep your focus on the road.
- **Follow Speed Limits:** Speeding reduces your reaction time and increases the severity of crashes.
- **Watch for Pedestrians and Bicyclists:** With more people enjoying outdoor activities, be extra vigilant and share the road responsibly.
- **Take Breaks:** If traveling long distances, take regular breaks to rest and avoid fatigue.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 13,524 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2022 — that’s one person every 39 minutes.

While drunk driving is a significant traffic safety problem, driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and cannabis products may also impair judgment. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone who appears to be driving while impaired, call 9-1-1.

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