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### **New Years Eve DUI Emphasis Patrols**

**Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas Counties, Wash-** The Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 6 is proud to announce the 2025-2026 New Years Eve DUI Emphasis Patrols.

DUI Emphasis patrols will be in effect throughout district six on New Years Eve. With overtime funds provided by the Traffic Safety Commission, multiple troopers, including a Lieutenant participating. Daniel Richmond, WSP District 6 Captain states, "We can avoid unnecessary tragedy by arresting impaired drivers before serious injury or fatality collisions occur." He goes on to say, "We are seeing a statewide decrease in DUI related fatalities and serious injury collisions which is exactly why we do these types of emphasis patrols".

Not only is driving impaired extremely dangerous, but also deadly. When using alcohol or drugs, it impairs cognitive functions needed to drive on our roadways safely. Impairment simply diminishes decision-making abilities.

Every year, lives are lost and families are changed forever. The ripple effect is extended from families to friends to communities. Driving impaired doesn't just put the driver's life at risk, but endangers every driver using our Washington State roadways.

Nowadays, so many options are available to help make responsible choices to include: A designated sober driver, Public Transportation, and Ubers or Taxis. It also goes without saying, be a good host. If you see someone trying to drive when impaired, stop them at all costs.

Please contact Public Information Officer, Trooper Jeremy Weber for comment.

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