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The Westminster Police Department Encourages Safe St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

WESTMINSTER, Calif. – This St. Patrick's Day, the Westminster Police Department will be on alert for suspected impaired drivers and reminds the community to celebrate the holiday responsibly.

Additional officers will be on patrol Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

“Have a game plan before you celebrate St. Patrick's Day,” said Westminster Police Department Deputy Chief Darin Upstill. “Designate a sober driver or make other plans to get home safely.”

During the 2019 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, nearly half of all traffic deaths throughout the country involved a drunk driver.

The Westminster Police Department wants to warn the community that alcohol is not the only substance that can cause impairment. Cannabis, prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and illegal drugs can all lead to a DUI. If you ever see a suspected drunk driver on the road, call 911.

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