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PRESS RELEASE

As party-goers celebrate the holidays with friends and family, everyone should heed law enforcement's warning to keep the party off the road or be ready to face the consequences. Law enforcement officers will be out in full force beginning December 17th, cracking down on anyone caught drunk behind the wheel. The Nampa Police Department will be participating in this nationwide holiday mobilization. The Idaho Office of Highway Safety has provided grant money to the Nampa Police Department to have extra officers out, specifically looking for impaired drivers. Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

After hearing about the dangers of drinking and driving time after time, most people have gotten the message that if they're planning on drinking, they should always plan a safe way home. But sadly, millions of Americans still think they are invincible and regularly choose to get behind the wheel after having too much to drink.

We know that the holiday season can be one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways do to an increase in drunk driving. Don't let your 2012 end in an arrest or worse, death. Remember, whether you've had too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk.

The Nampa Police Department recommends these simple tips for a safe holiday season:

- Plan a safe way home **before** the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member;
- Many bars and nightclubs provide free taxi rides to patron's who have had too much to drink, use those if provided;
- If you happened to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement agency;
- And remember, *Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk*. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make arrangements to get where they are going safely.

The Nampa Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season. We will be looking extra hard for impaired drivers during this mobilization, utilizing extra officers dedicated to DUI enforcement. This is an effort to keep our roadways safe for the motoring public, so that everyone gets to enjoy their holidays!

For questions or more information, please contact Sgt. Matt Pavelek at 468-5608

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