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This Fourth of July, there's NO excuse
Drive sober or get pulled over

Every year Americans head out on our nation's highways to celebrate the Fourth of July at picnics, parties, parades and more. Unfortunately, for many, the celebrating includes drinking alcohol, which too often leads to drunk driving on one of the most heavily traveled holidays of the year.

In 2014, more than 9,900 people were killed in drunk driving crashes nationwide. Of those, 397 were killed in motor vehicle crashes over the July 4th holiday. Of those 397 fatalities, 164 people were killed in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher.

Don't even think about drinking and driving this Fourth of July. There is no excuse! If you're caught driving drunk this Independence Day, you will be arrested. The consequences are serious. Just the thought of being arrested and going to jail, losing your license, and having to pay steep financial expenses, should be enough. But, what if you injure or kill someone? Impaired driving deaths don't have to happen. In fact, most traffic collisions are 100% preventable, and it is up to each one of us to take responsibility for our driving safety. It is time that Kitsap County said, "There is no excuse for driving drunk!"

Please do your part, plan a safe way home BEFORE the fun begins. If you know someone that is about to drive or ride after drinking, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get where they are going safely. Don't risk losing your life or the lives of others by driving drunk. There is no excuse!

It is the hope of the Kitsap County "Target Zero" Task Force to reduce the number of traffic fatalities to zero by the year 2030. "Target Zero" is a huge goal, but that's the goal we must have. Please be responsible and do your part. Never drink and drive, slow down, wear your seatbelt, and whether walking or driving, please pay attention to the road. "One life lost is one too many."

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