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Don't Get Super Busted on Super Bowl Sunday by Driving Impaired
Law enforcement will be out looking for impaired drivers

Benicia, Calif. – The Benicia Police Department is encouraging all football fans to celebrate the Super Bowl responsibly by not driving impaired, or letting other fans get behind the wheel when they shouldn't.

In an effort to flag those who choose to drive impaired, the Benicia Police Department will increase patrols Super Bowl weekend (Feb. 2 and 3), adding additional officers to look for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and to enforce all traffic laws.

“We want to make sure that everyone is having a good time during this Super Bowl weekend, and drinking responsibly and having a designated driver is a very simple way to achieve that,” said Chief Erik Upson.

The Benicia Police Department also reminds drivers that “DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze.” If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and may result in a DUI.

If you are hosting a party, be a team player and have plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available for designated sober drivers. Be sure to monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home. If you plan to drink, do not plan to drive. Even one drink can be one too many; so have a sober friend get you home; use ride-share or public transportation. Anyone who sees a drunk driver should call 911.

No matter who you are rooting for on Sunday, we are all on the same team when the game ends so remember to go safely.

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