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Say NO! To Impaired Driving This Labor Day Weekend



The San Diego County Sheriff's Department wants to remind you to be responsible and not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs this Labor Day weekend.

Watch for increased impaired driving patrols by deputies across the county beginning on Friday, September 4th through Labor Day on Monday, September 7th.


There will also be DUI checkpoints in San Marcos on Friday, September 4th, Poway on Saturday, September 5th and Lemon Grove on Sunday, September 6th.

During Labor Day weekend 2019 (Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd, 2019), 162 people were arrested countywide for DUI. 18 of those arrests were made by Sheriff's Deputies.

So far in 2020, 4,031 people have been arrested across San Diego County for impaired driving. The Sheriff's Department made 524 of those arrests.

"No matter what time of year it is, no one should ever get behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs," said Sheriff Bill Gore. "One bad decision can change your life forever."



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Remember: *Say No To Impaired Driving.*

Driving under the influence doesn't just mean alcohol. It also means driving under the influence of prescription drugs or marijuana.

If you become impaired, be sure to have a designated driver ready or call a ride-sharing service.

Here are some sober rider options:

- MTS (Bus and Trolley): <https://www.sdmts.com/>
- NCTD (Bus and Coaster/Sprinter): <https://gonctd.com/>



Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over. Watch our public safety video on the high price of impaired driving by following the Sheriff's Department on VIMEO: <https://goo.gl/NsnA0a>.

A reminder: deputies are always enforcing traffic laws, including speeding, distracted driving and seat belt violations.

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