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Drive Sober This Thanksgiving Holiday



The San Diego County Sheriff's Department wants to remind everyone to do the responsible thing over the Thanksgiving holiday and not drive impaired.

From Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th, Sheriff's Deputies will conduct increased impaired driving patrols across the county. The goal: to get people driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs off our roadways.


"Even though the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the way we celebrate Thanksgiving, we can continue to save lives by driving sober," said Sheriff Bill Gore. "If you are caught driving impaired, you will go to jail."

So far in 2020, 5,371 people have been booked into jail for impaired driving in San Diego County. The Sheriff's Department made 705 of those arrests. During the 2019 Thanksgiving holiday period, 112 drivers were booked into jail for driving under the influence. Sheriff's Deputies made 14 of those arrests.

A reminder: "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

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