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## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department wants to remind everyone not to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs this holiday season or anytime.

Deputies will be conducting increased impaired driving patrols from December 14<sup>th</sup> to January 1, 2021.

So far this year, 5,793 people have been booked into jail for impaired driving in San Diego County. The Sheriff's Department made 759 of those arrests.

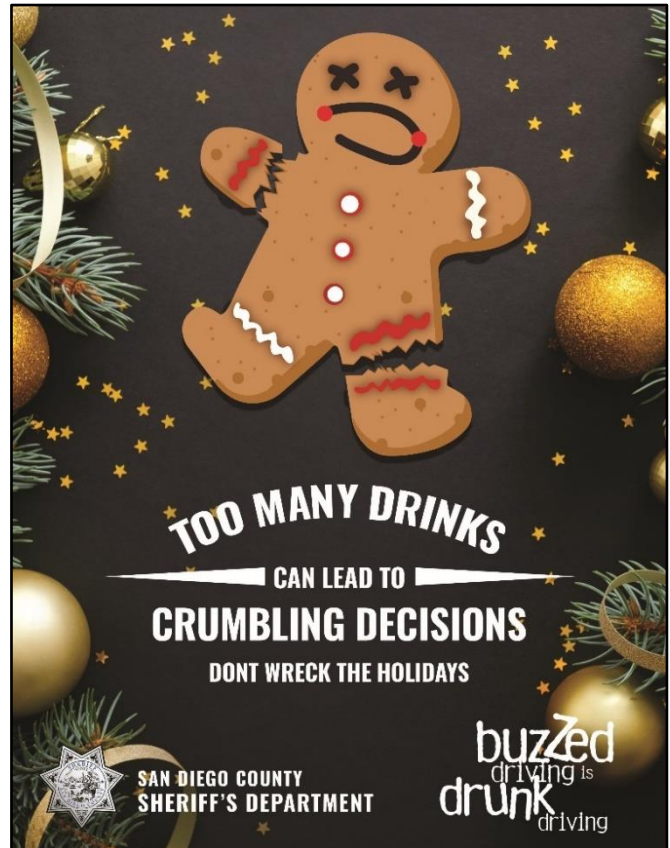
"Accidents caused by impaired driving are 100 percent preventable," said Sheriff Bill Gore. "Don't make a bad decision that can ruin your holidays and possibly the rest of your life."




The Sheriff's Department has these tips for a safe holiday season:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home
- If you're impaired, use a taxi or ride-sharing service. You can also call a sober friend/family member or use public transportation
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 9-1-1 immediately

Funding for this impaired driving enforcement program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

To watch a video on how the Sheriff's Department is using this grant to save lives, follow us on VIMEO: <https://vimeo.com/494226534>.



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