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Boulder City Police is Joining Forces to Find Impaired Drivers

BOULDER CITY – As we approach Labor Day, many of us are making plans to be out with family and friend at backyard barbeques, parties or extra time out having fun. Sometimes, a few drinks add up fast and that can lead to poor choices. One of the deadliest and most often committed of crimes is impaired driving. It has become a serious safety epidemic in our state.

Law enforcement officers statewide will be working to reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road. The Boulder City Police Department is **Joining Forces** with law enforcement statewide, providing extra patrols from August 25 through September 10 to boost enforcement efforts and keep impaired drivers and riders off the streets.

“We know that impaired drivers cause the most crashes that result in injuries and deaths in Nevada, and yet, people still take chances with their lives and the lives of others,” said Boulder City Police Chief Tim Shea. “It is frustrating to know that every two minutes, someone is injured in a car crash and every 53 minutes someone is killed in an accident involving impaired drivers. This is a preventable crime, and lives can be saved by following some simple steps.”

Increasing law enforcement presence during these weeks supports the overall state goal of reaching Zero Fatalities. Boulder City residents can help us reach that goal by following these safety guidelines:

- Designate a sober driver before drinking.
- Use a taxi, rideshare, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.
- Call 911 if a suspected drunk driver is on the road.
- Take the keys or assist in making other arrangements for someone who is about to drive impaired.
- Call law enforcement if you are unable to stop someone from driving impaired; it is better for the impaired driver to be arrested than involved in a crash.

For more information on **Joining Forces** and other statewide Traffic Safety Programs, please visit www.zerofatalitiesnv.com.

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