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FOCUS ON SAFETY THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!



New Year's Eve represents a time of celebration for Okaloosa County residents and visiting tourists. Our roadways will be full of people planning to celebrate the beginning of 2012.

Unfortunately there is also an increased risk of crashes and crash-related injuries or fatalities. Too many residents and visitors to the State of Florida are injured and killed in traffic crashes during the New Year's Eve celebrations every year. Many of those crashes are alcohol-related and are easily prevented.

Deputies from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office will be patrolling Okaloosa County on New Year's Eve to locate and arrest impaired drivers and remove them from our roadways. Arrests for DUI will be made with zero tolerance.

Some of the common causes of crashes are: Speeding, following too closely, running red lights, making unsafe lane changes, careless driving, aggressive driving, and driving under the influence.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office asks that drivers obey the speed limit, drive with patience and tolerance for other drivers, don't text and drive, drive defensively, wear your safety belt, and make sure children are using appropriate child restraints.

We also ask the persons who plan to drink and party this weekend, to use a taxi or designated driver to get home. Remember, when you plan for the party, plan your safe ride home first.

You can report unsafe or impaired drivers by calling the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 651-7400 or 689-5705 or 9-1-1.

Enjoy your New Year's Weekend!

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