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OC Sheriff's Department encourages the public to stay safe during final stretch of summer travel season

Santa Ana, Ca. (August 15, 2021): As friends and family plan vacations during the final days of summer, the Orange County Sheriff's Department is reminding everyone to stay safe by always choosing a sober way to go.

No matter how you choose to celebrate the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, make sure you do so responsibly. Take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family by buckling up, ditching the distractions, following the speed limit, and never driving impaired.

To help keep our community safe during the busy late summer and Labor Day weekend travel season, the OC Sheriff will have additional officers on patrol Aug. 18 through Labor Day (Sept. 6) looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The increased efforts to address impaired driving are part of a national enforcement campaign, Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint Friday, August 27, 2021 from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m. in the City of Dana Point.

"Driving impaired is risky and puts yourself and others around you in serious danger," Sergeant Brent Jasper said. "If you are taking a road trip over the next few weeks, make good choices and drive like your closest friends and family are in the cars around you."

Forty-five people were killed in crashes throughout California over the 2019 Labor Day holiday period, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) made more than 1,000 arrests for driving under the influence during the 78-hour Labor Day weekend enforcement period alone.

Driving while impaired is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana may also impair. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone driving impaired, call 9-1-1.

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