



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" 2017**

Citizens are reminded that driving impaired is not only **ILLEGAL** but also **DEADLY**. Operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs is a leading cause of traffic fatalities. 100% of which are preventable. The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to stop drunk drivers and save lives. This year's national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign will run from August 17th through September 4<sup>th</sup>. This time period is specifically targeted because holiday weekends see a surge in drunk and drugged driving. Please plan ahead before you go out. Designate a sober driver or call for a ride. But whatever you do, do not drink and drive. Law Enforcement presence will be increased during this time period with an emphasis on impaired driving enforcement.

The Sheriff's Office offers the following advice to help keep the roadways safe:

- Plan a safe way home before you start the Labor Day festivities.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver before you make a bad decision.
- If you've been drinking; call a taxi, a sober driver, a family member or friend.
- If you suspect an impaired driver is on the road, contact Law Enforcement immediately.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while intoxicated, be a true friend and take their keys. You could save a life.
- Prescription medications can also impair your ability to drive. Please read the warning labels on medication and understand their side effects.

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