

NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: **MIAMI POLICE DUI CHECKPOINT**



A message for this Fourth of July, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"

In order to crack down on impaired driving this Fourth of July, the Miami Police Department will be conducting a Multi-Agency DUI checkpoint this, **Friday, July 3, 2015, at SW 3 Avenue & 7th Street**. In conjunction with this checkpoint, we will also be conducting a DUI saturation patrol. This checkpoint will take place in the City of Miami's Brickell NET Service area. The checkpoint will be conducted during the hours of **8:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.**

This crack down on impaired driving will continue throughout the entire Independence Day weekend. The Miami Police Department will show zero tolerance for motorists who violate Florida's traffic laws such as, unbuckled drivers and passengers.

The Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays, and why not? Families and friends gather to celebrate our country with food, parades, parties, picnics and fireworks and yet, there is a very dark side to this great holiday. For many, the celebration includes alcohol, but the holiday quickly goes from festive to fatal when people choose to drive after drinking. From 2009-2013, nearly 40 percent of ALL traffic fatalities over the Fourth of July period occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. In 2013, *Forbes* magazine named the Independence Day holiday, "the most dangerous holiday of the year."

Over the Fourth of July holiday period in 2013 (6 P.M. July 3rd to 5:59 A.M. July 8th), there were 199 people killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes on our nation's roads.

So, we mean business around this Independence Day! If you're caught driving impaired, you will be arrested. Keep in mind that aside from putting your life and the lives of others at risk, driving impaired can also lead to serious consequences. A DUI arrest represents time in jail, loss of your driver's license, and steep financial expenses.

Members of the local media are invited and encouraged to support our effort by broadcasting and or publishing this information during local news coverage. For additional information, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired>.

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