

SHARON POLICE DEPARTMENT



There Are No Festivities in Jail
Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

As you celebrate the holiday season enjoying traditions, food, family and fun, be reminded that the Sharon Police Department will be out in force from December 13, 2013 to January 1, 2014 to protect the Commonwealth's citizens by arresting anyone caught behind the wheel operating under the influence. The Sharon PD will join the 191 eligible local law enforcement agencies and the MA State Police to run extra patrols through the New Year as part of the national ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*** mobilization, funded by a federal grant administered through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division (EOPSS-HSD).

The Sharon PD is giving fair warning to all partygoers. "You'll see us making lots of stops during this highly visible enforcement period and if we suspect anyone is driving while intoxicated, officers will show zero tolerance for impaired driving," said Chief Joseph Bernstein.

"The message is simple: ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***. Drinking alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan to consume alcohol, you should also plan not to get behind the wheel of a vehicle," said Chief Bernstein.

Unfortunately, the excitement and celebrations of the holiday season can lead to terrible decisions, and serious legal consequences. Data shows that the holiday season is a particularly deadly time due to the increased number of impaired drivers on the roads. In 2011 in Massachusetts, 114 people were killed in crashes that involved drivers with a blood alcohol content level of .08 or higher.

"There is no holiday cheer behind the bars of a jail cell," Chief Bernstein said. "Don't let your 2013 holiday season end in an arrest or worse, death or injury. Remember, whether you've had way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk."

"The December holiday season is the 'most wonderful time of the year,' and we are going to keep our roads safe for travelers heading to visit friends and family," said Chief Bernstein "This holiday, we will show zero tolerance for those driving under the influence on the road. If you choose to drive drunk, we will see you, we will stop you, and you will be arrested."

EOPSS-HSD recommends these tips for a safe holiday season:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- If you happen to see an impaired driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact law enforcement;
- And remember, ***Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over***. If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get home safely.

For more information, please visit www.mass.gov/highwaysafety

**Participating Local Police Departments to Date - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign
December 2013**

1	Abington	31	East Bridgewater	61	Milford	91	Springfield
2	Acton	32	Eastham	62	New Bedford	92	Stoneham
3	Acushnet	33	Everett	63	Newton	93	Sturbridge
4	Amesbury	34	Fairhaven	64	North Reading	94	Swansea
5	Amherst	35	Fall River	65	Northampton	95	Taunton
6	Andover	36	Falmouth	66	Northbridge	96	Tewksbury
7	Arlington	37	Fitchburg	67	Norton	97	Tyngsboro
8	Attleboro	38	Franklin	68	Norwell	98	Upton
9	Belchertown	39	Freetown	69	Orleans	99	Wakefield
10	Belmont	40	Gardner	70	Palmer	100	Walpole
11	Beverly	41	Grafton	71	Peabody	101	Waltham
12	Billerica	42	Granby	72	Pembroke	102	Wareham
13	Boston	43	Great Barrington	73	Pittsfield	103	Watertown
14	Bourne	44	Hanover	74	Plymouth	104	Wayland
15	Braintree	45	Haverhill	75	Quincy	105	Webster
16	Bridgewater	46	Hingham	76	Randolph	106	Wellesley
17	Brookline	47	Holbrook	77	Reading	107	West Boylston
18	Burlington	48	Holliston	78	Rehoboth	108	Westborough
19	Cambridge	49	Holyoke	79	Revere	109	Westfield
20	Canton	50	Hopkinton	80	Rockland	110	Westford
21	Carver	51	Leicester	81	Salem	111	Westminster
22	Charlton	52	Lenox	82	Seekonk	112	Westport
23	Chelmsford	53	Lexington	83	Sharon	113	Westwood
24	Chelsea	54	Lowell	84	Sherborn	114	Weymouth
25	Concord	55	Lunenburg	85	Somerset	115	Wilbraham
26	Danvers	56	Lynn	86	Somerville	116	Wilmington
27	Dartmouth	57	Marlborough	87	South Hadley	117	Woburn
28	Dedham	58	Mendon	88	Southborough	118	Worcester
29	Dennis	59	Methuen	89	Southbridge	119	Wrentham
30	Dudley	60	Middleborough	90	Spencer	120	Yarmouth