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MEMORIAL DAY IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

The City of Yuma Police Department is conducting an impaired driving detail on Friday, May 26th, Saturday, May 27th, Sunday, May 28th, and Monday, May 29th 2023. Additional officers will be used to rove city streets looking to stop and arrest drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs. These DUI patrols, in addition to regularly scheduled patrol officers, are all looking for the signs of an impaired driver behind the wheel.

With help from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the focus will be impaired driving and the apprehension of impaired drivers. The City of Yuma Police Department will also actively enforce traffic laws and get impaired drivers off the road, raise public awareness about the dangers of impaired driving and most importantly, to save more lives on our roadways. This will be a joint taskforce with San Luis, Somerton and Wellton Police Departments.

Impaired driving is one of America's most often committed and deadliest crimes. We recommend the following easy steps for a safe Memorial Day holiday.

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, an Uber driver, call a sober friend or family member
- If you happen to see an impaired driver on the road, don't hesitate to call 911

- In addition, remember, if you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Memorial Day weekend is the first big weekend of the summer. Don't forget to enjoy and have fun, but please do it responsibly. We want to remind our community to stay safe in every possible way this weekend.

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