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### **The Signal Hill Police Department Encourages Safe St. Patrick's Day Celebrations**

Signal Hill, CA – This St. Patrick's Day, the Signal Hill Police Department will be on alert for suspected impaired drivers and reminds the community to celebrate the holiday responsibly.

Additional officers will be on patrol March 17 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

"Have a game plan before you celebrate St. Patrick's Day," said Signal Hill Police Sgt. Don Moreau. "Designate a sober driver or make other plans to get home safely."

During the 2019 St. Patrick's Day holiday period, nearly half of all traffic deaths throughout the country involved a drunk driver.

Sgt. Moreau wants to warn the community that alcohol is not the only substance that can cause impairment. Cannabis, prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and illegal drugs can all lead to a DUI.

If you ever see a suspected drunk driver on the road, call 911.

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