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## Avoid the 18 Tulare/Kings Counties



## Local, Statewide & Nationwide DUI Crackdown to begin December 14th

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

WHAT:

The Avoid the 18 Tulare/Kings Counties DUI Taskforce will have a Press Conference to re-enforce to all drivers not to drink and drive during this winter holiday season! DUI/ Driver's License Checkpoints, Multi Agency DUI Task Force deployments and DUI saturation patrols are scheduled locally in partnership with law enforcement around the county and statewide during the Winter Holiday Anti-DUI Campaign December 14 through January 1, 2013.

Descriptions and details of DUI enforcement activities occurring over the holiday season will be highlighted by local law enforcement personnel, safety advocates and local community members partnered to help save lives.

The Avoid the 18 DUI Task Force is composed of 18 local law enforcement agencies throughout Tulare/Kings Counties which have joined together to combat drunk driving in the cities and unincorporated areas. The program is called the Avoid DUI Campaign because motorists can "avoid" being arrested by planning for safe, sober rides before the celebration and never drinking and driving.

WHEN: Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 A.M.

WHERE: Visalia Police Department District Two Substation

4100 S. County Center, Visalia CA 93277

WHO: Visalia Police Department and representatives from partnering agencies.



WHY: Drunk Driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In Tulare/Kings Counties the loss of life in 2010 stands at 36

people killed in alcohol Involved Collisions. Law Enforcement is doing everything in their power to prevent the need to contact a loved one breaking the news that their family member died at the hands of a drunk driver this

holiday season. Everyone can help. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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