



City of Downey



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**Downey Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols**

Downey, Calif. – The Downey Police Department will be out throughout the month of April looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence (DUI).

“Impaired driving is preventable,” Downey Police Chief Leslie Murray said. “It’s a choice. If you’ve been drinking or taken drugs that impair, make the right choice by finding a sober driver or alternate transportation to take you places.”

The Downey Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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