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SPECIAL DUI ENFORCEMENT CRACKDOWN THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Officers from the Lodi Police Department's DUI Enforcement Team will be deploying officers on a special saturation patrol this weekend to crack down on drunk driving in the city's ongoing effort to improve traffic safety, save lives and prevent injuries.

"If you drive drunk, Lodi PD will be looking for you," Sgt. Chris Jacobson said. "If you're over the limit, you will be arrested."

Lodi PD will be conducting this "Zero Tolerance" DUI Saturation Patrol on Friday May 27, Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver before their celebrations begin. Funding for the patrol is through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 3 lives and resulted in 52 injury crashes harming 61 of our friends and neighbors," said Sgt. Chris Jacobson.

Since 2005, the number of alcohol involved fatalities has been dropping, thanks to efforts like this. But law enforcement and the public must continue to work toward zero deaths.

"Law enforcement officers are doing more to remove drunk drivers from California's streets and highways thanks to our DUI traffic safety funding," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "But everyone can help make their communities safer. If you see a drunk driver, call 911."

The DUI Saturation Patrols will deploy within the city limits of Lodi on Friday and Saturday nights starting at approximately 6 p.m.