

Douglas ready for New Year's Eve revelers

Like years past, Douglas County sheriff's deputies expect to close Highway 50 in the Stateline casino corridor on New Year's Eve to handle all of the people milling about.

While there have been 60,000 revelers in the past, that number has declined even before SnowGlobe came to town two years ago. SnowGlobe is back. And there is an outdoor music festival at Horizon, too, which should disperse crowds.

If the highway is closed, traffic will be diverted onto the loop road.

Douglas deputies will be present in the Stateline casino area throughout New Year's Eve, supplemented by officers and representatives of numerous other law enforcement agencies, including Nevada Highway Patrol, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, and the FBI. Supporting agencies include the Douglas County Communications Center, Tahoe-Douglas Fire Department, Caltrans and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

Glass or metal containers, regardless of contents, are prohibited in the casino core area on New Year's Eve.

The curfew in Douglas County is midnight on Dec. 31 for people younger than 18.