

# SLTPD looking for drunken drivers

Update Dec. 16 9pm:

The Dec. 19 DUI checkpoint has been canceled because of the forecasted storm.

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South Lake Tahoe Police Department has plans for one DUI/driver's license checkpoint and 12 roving DUI saturation patrols this month.

The DUI saturation patrol will be operating from 7pm-3am now until Jan. 1. The DUI checkpoint will be Dec. 19 from 7pm-2am.

Additionally, police, sheriff and the CHP throughout the region are deploying multiple DUI operations to increase DUI arrests.

In December 2012 there were 830 people killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or higher; 26 of those deaths occurred on Christmas Day. On average, a third (31 percent) of all crash fatalities in America involves drunken driving. But on Christmas Day 2012, the percentage jumped to 36 percent. Every year, more than 10,322 people are killed by drunken drivers in America, with 802 of those in California. In California, an additional 24,000 are seriously injured.