

Nevada officers going after drunken drivers

Now through Sept. 15 Douglas County sheriff's deputies and Nevada Highway Patrol officers are increasing efforts to keep impaired drivers and riders of the streets.

Officers say impaired driving is consistently the most common cause of motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries and deaths in Nevada. There is someone injured in a car accident every two minutes, and someone killed every 53 minutes in the United States involving an impaired driver.

Drivers and riders are encouraged to know the law for blood alcohol levels and abide by the following guidelines:

- Designate a sober driver before drinking.
- Use a ride service, call a sober friend, family member or use public transportation.
- Call 911 if a suspected drunken driver is seen on the road.
- Take the keys, hide the keys or assist in making other arrangements for someone who is about to drive who is impaired.
- Call law enforcement, it is better for the impaired driver to be arrested than to have them involved in an accident.