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News Release

HPD Encourages Responsible Celebrations for NYE

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The Harrisonburg Police Department encourages safe and sober driving throughout the holiday weekend.

With New Year's Eve celebrations right around the corner, police remind party goers to celebrate responsibly.

"On behalf of the Department, we want everyone to enjoy New Year's Eve and get home safely," said Mary-Hope Vass, HPD's Public Information Officer.

Tips for ringing in 2012:

- Call a friend, take public transportation, or get a cab ride if consuming alcohol
- Don't drink and drive
- Celebrate with trusted friends
- Let others know your plans and where you will be celebrating
- If you are the designated driver, watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Don't leave a celebration with an unknown person
- Keep wallets and other belongings on your person
- Call police immediately to report a crime or suspicious activity.

The Harrisonburg Police Department wishes the community a safe and happy 2012!

Some streets will be closed for various downtown events on Saturday, December 31 (see list below).

Street closures for 5K event from noon until 5:00 p.m.:

- Main Street from Cantrell to Gay streets
- Liberty Street from Gay to Grattan streets (only one lane closed)

Street closures for First Night from 5:00 p.m. until the event concludes:

- Main Street from Paul to Elizabeth streets
- Elizabeth Street from Liberty to Franklin streets.

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