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## HPD Plans Extra Patrols for Super Bowl XLVIII

Harrisonburg, VA - The Super Bowl is one of America's most highly anticipated sports events, when friends and family gather in homes, bars, and restaurants to celebrate. As Super Bowl Sunday approaches and football fans across the country prepare for the big game, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), along with the National Football League (NFL), and Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) Coalition, have joined forces with state and local law enforcement to spread the message about designating a sober driver on Super Bowl Sunday.

The Harrisonburg Police Department will have extra patrols enforcing the city's roads throughout the Super Bowl weekend. "The Super Bowl kicks off our 2014 campaign to educate citizens about the dangers and consequences from driving impaired," stated HPD Chief S.P. Monticelli. "We made over 250 DUI arrests last year in the City of Harrisonburg, and keeping intoxicated drivers off the streets is one of our most important duties to our community," Monticelli added.

Whether attending the game, watching at a bar or restaurant, or hosting a party at home, fans choosing to drink should have a plan to include designating driver. HPD offers these additional safety tips:

- Designate your sober driver, or plan another way to get home safety before the party begins.
- If you don't have a designated driver; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and get you; or just stay for the night.
- Use your community's or local business sponsored sober ride program.
- Never let friends drive if they have had too much to drink.
- If you are hosting a party with alcohol, take responsibility in ensuring guests do not drive impaired.

And, for those responsible sober drivers, your seat belt is your best defense against a drunk driver should a crash occur.

Remember, for the Super Bowl, remind everyone that "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk."