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Crime Prevention Tip of the Month: Holiday Travels

Harrisonburg, VA – As part of the Crime Prevention initiative for the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), monthly tips are provided in an effort to reduce crime and keep citizens safe with a specific topic highlighted each month. As the holiday season is now in full swing, HPD encourages citizens to make safety a priority. Those who will be traveling and attending holiday events are encouraged to follow some of these tips:

- Never leave your car unoccupied while running, or with children inside.
- Remember that only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Be aware of your surroundings and practice safe driving habits with heavier traffic this time of year.
- If attending a party, have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- If hosting a party, have non-alcoholic beverages available, and designate a sober driver for guests.
- Utilize sober drivers, or get another safe ride home if you have been drinking.
- Know your safe limit, and never drink and drive.

As always, the Harrisonburg Police Department will have increased patrols throughout the holiday season to keep those traveling safe, and combating drunk driving. For more Crime Prevention tips visit www.Harrisonburgva.gov/police or call our Crime Prevention Officer at (540) 437-2672.

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