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HPD Warns Motorists of “Buzzed Driving” Dangers

In a release from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), The Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk driving. During the 2015 Fourth of July Holiday, 146 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes. Nearly two-thirds of those killed were in crashes where at least one driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .15 or higher – almost twice the legal limit.

Independence Day celebrates our Nation’s most cherished asset: our freedom. This July 4th, keep America free from drunk driving. If you plan on attending a celebration where there is alcohol, make a plan to get home without drinking and driving. If you are planning the party, help your guests plan for a sober ride home. Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

There is simply no excuse for getting behind the wheel if you have been drinking. Your life and the lives of your friends and family are too important to not have a plan to get home safely. Car services, taxis, and local transit provide just some options for a safe ride.

The NHTSA offers the SaferRide Mobile app is a simple way to call a taxi, call a friend for a ride, and to share your location so you can be picked up. The app is available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) phones, so download it and tell friends about it to help keep our roads free of drunk driving.

In an effort to help keep you safe, the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) will have additional officers patrolling the city during the 4th of July Holiday. Please, celebrate safely and responsibly.

Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

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