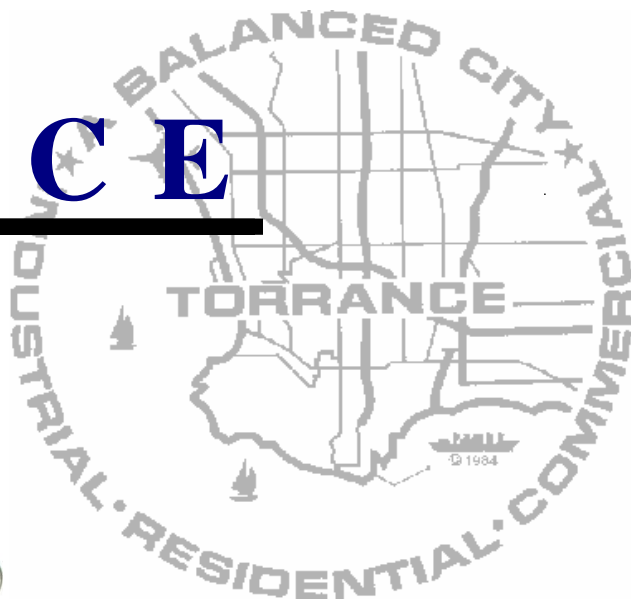


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## Press Release

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## Tips for Safe Driving this Holiday Season



The Torrance Police Department would like to remind drivers to be safe during this busy Holiday Season. Please watch out for all bicyclists and pedestrians, and be mindful of the rainy days ahead. Here are a few TIPS and PRECAUTIONS:

- Ensure your tires, windshield wipers, and brakes are in good condition.
- Plan your route, check the weather, and give yourself extra time.
- Remain alert. Constantly scan the road for brake lights in front of you.
- Maintain a safe following distance (3 second rule) from the car in front of you.
- When slowing down or stopping in wet conditions, DO NOT brake hard or lock the wheels. Instead, maintain steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- To help prevent injuries in a collision, ensure everyone is wearing a seatbelt.
- Ensure children are properly secured in their child-safety seats.
- Drive in middle lanes when it is raining; water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
- Don't drive with your windows frosted or fogged up. Wait until your windows clear before driving. Quickly de-fog by opening a window to allow in cool air.
- Keep your headlights on in rainy, gloomy, foggy, or overcast conditions. Use your low beams when driving in foggy conditions.
- Avoid distractions by silencing or turning off your cell phone while driving.
- Do not drink and drive. Make arrangements for a safe ride home, or designate a sober driver before you start drinking.

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