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Press Release

Police Department January 15, 2021

The Torrance Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols

Additional officers from the Torrance Police Department will be out on patrol January 15,

2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

With changing stay home orders and public health directives as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Torrance Police Department remains committed to keeping the public safe when they are traveling.

"This pandemic is impacting all of us in difficult ways," Sergeant David Koenig said. "We want everyone to be as safe as possible, especially when they are on the road."

The Torrance Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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