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Huntington Beach Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols

Throughout the month of April, the Huntington Beach Police Department will have additional officers patrolling the city Friday-Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence (DUI).

“Impaired driving is preventable,” Sergeant Mike Thomas said. “It’s a choice. If you’ve been drinking, or have taken drugs that impair, make the right choice by finding a sober driver or alternate transportation to take you places.”

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

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

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