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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over This Labor Day Weekend

During the 2020 Labor Day weekend, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) will partner with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for an enforcement, education, and awareness operation to reduce drunk driving, crashes, and aggressive driving.



Hear a 2020 Labor Day message from Sheriff Staly here: [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

The high-visibility national enforcement campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, runs through September 7, 2020. During this time, law enforcement will show zero tolerance for driving under the influence (like FCSO always does). Increased state and national messages about the dangers of driving impaired, coupled with enforcement and increased deputies on the road, aim to reduce drunk driving on the roadways.

According to NHTSA, during the 2018 Labor Day holiday, 38% of fatalities in traffic crashes involved a

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drunk driver. Drug-impaired driving is a major issue on today's roads. This Labor Day, FCSO is reminding drivers that any form of impaired driving is illegal. Remember: *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DUI. This Labor Day, and every day, spread the lifesaving message: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*

The FCSO Traffic Unit will conduct traffic enforcement details, which will focus on high crash locations and speeding and aggressive driving. The members of the Traffic Unit will also provide an increased presence on roadways experiencing high traffic flow and will be responsible for monitoring traffic patterns and providing enforcement.

Additional patrol units dedicated to D.U.I. enforcement will be available to assist the patrol sector units in their efforts. In addition to patrolling the beaches, the Marine Unit will provide high visibility on the intra-coastal waterway patrolling for boaters under the influence along with unsafe vessel operation.

"Labor Day marks the ending of summer and the beginning of a new season," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Take some time to relax and enjoy the long weekend, but make sure to plan for a sober ride home before you even leave the house. There is no excuse for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Also, remember to social distance to help slow the spread of COVID-19."

FCSO recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- Designate a sober driver or utilize a ride-share service.
- If you see someone driving erratically, call the FCSO at 9-1-1 or 386-313-4911.

For more information about the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/drive-sober>

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