

Law enforcement upping patrol efforts to look for impaired driving

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OMAHA, Neb. — The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is increasing the amount of officers it has on patrol this week ahead of the holiday weekend.

Through Sunday, the county will have five more officers on the roads looking for impaired drivers.

"We realize that this weekend, and starting tonight, there is going to be a ton of people on the roadways it's going to be a huge increase," Lt. Tim Owens with DCSO said. "So, we'll be looking for those risky driving behaviors including drunk driving."

Project Extra Mile, a local group focused on preventing and reducing alcohol-related harms, including drunk driving, urges everyone to have a plan before a night out.

"There are certainly a number of alternative transpiration options out there," Chris Wagner with Project Extra Mile said.

Both Owens and Wagner say that impaired driving can be easily prevented by having a plan before you celebrate or gather with friends and family.