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## **La Palma Police Department Working to Keep Roads Safe this St. Patrick's Day**

*LA PALMA, Calif.* – St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by millions across the country, often culminating in parties where drinking is involved. Sadly, this leads to tragedies on our roadways because of drivers who choose to leave parties impaired. In 2017, 59 people were killed nationwide in drunk driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday weekend (March 16-March 18), accounting for 37 percent of all traffic deaths according to data from the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

This St. Patrick's Day holiday weekend (March 15-17), the La Palma Police Department will be focusing on DUI enforcement. The La Palma Police Department strongly encourages everyone to plan ahead and use a designated sober driver, ride-share, or public transportation. "We all know the dangers about driving impaired," La Palma Police Chief Terry Kim said. "Let's all be responsible adults and help each other get where we need to go safely."

The La Palma Police Department also wants to remind everyone that impaired driving doesn't just mean alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and marijuana can all be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

### ***About the City of La Palma***

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2007, 2011, 2013, and 2015 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and approximately 300 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 55 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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