



 CITY OF  
**Siloam Springs**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## HOLIDAY TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN

### DRIVE SOBER GET PULLED OVER

As part of the national *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign period, the Siloam Springs Police Department will be continuing its efforts to reduce drunk driving accidents during the New Year Holiday weekend. Additional officers will be working DWI enforcement details targeting drunk drivers. Our goal is to keep the roadways safe for those travelling during the holiday weekend, through zero tolerance enforcement. We are also asking the public to report suspected drunk drivers to law enforcement by calling 911.

Some people have misconceptions when it pertains to drunk driving, such as if you refuse a test you will avoid a DWI charge. That is simply not true. If you are stopped and the officer suspects you are impaired, you can count on being arrested. In addition to your arrest for DWI, plan on being transported to jail, having your vehicle towed, losing your driver's license and incurring additional costs associated with posting bond, fines and legal fees as well as an increase in your insurance.

We encourage **people who plan on drinking to make a plan and use designated drivers, taxi's or arrange for a sober driver to pick them up.** If you are hosting a party, make a plan to prevent your guests from driving drunk. It may be inconvenient to take someone's keys from them or have someone spend the night, but in doing so, you can prevent them from being arrested or worse, having an accident where they injure themselves or someone else.

The Siloam Springs Police Department wants people to enjoy their holiday weekend and also make smart choices when it comes to drinking and driving. **Drunk driving is a choice** and through public notification and increased enforcement efforts, **we hope drivers make the smart choice not to drive if they have been drinking.**

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