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DON'T TURN A HAPPY HALLOWEEN INTO A HORROR SHOW

~ Florida Highway Patrol cracks down on drinking and driving ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – If you think a Halloween costume will disguise your drunk driving, the Florida Highway Patrol has a message just for you, “keep the party off the road.” The Patrol joins thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation this week to launch an aggressive crackdown on impaired drivers Oct. 25 through Nov. 4.

“The Patrol continues to make driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement a priority,” said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. “In an effort to get impaired drivers off the road, troopers will be vigilant throughout the state with an aggressive *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* crack down.”

To keep safe this Halloween, FHP recommends these tips:

- Plan a safe way to get home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver.
- If you are impaired, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely.
- Remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over is a deterrence program with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness. For more information on the campaign, visit www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober.

Please remember to dial *FHP (*347) from your cellphone to contact FHP to report an aggressive or impaired driver or to request roadside assistance.

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