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El Paso Police DWI and Traffic **Enforcement During Labor Day Weekend**

El Paso, **Texas**— The El Paso Police Department is partnering with TxDot during the Statewide Impaired Driving Campaign which runs from August 1-September 30, 2024. The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant enables increased law enforcement presence from August 16th through the Labor Day weekend, with additional officers on duty to enhance traffic safety.

This coincides with the national heightened law enforcement period sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

As law enforcement increases presence leading up to Labor Day, drivers can make sure to take important steps in staying safe on the road. Drivers should always plan ahead before drinking and getting behind the wheel. Make the right choice and plan for a sober ride home.

In the city of El Paso in 2023, there were 519 alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 23 fatalities and 38 serious injuries. During the 2023 Labor Day holiday time period, there were 6 alcohol related traffic crashes, which fortunately did not result in any deaths or serious injuries.

TxDOT and the El Paso Police department want to prevent these types of incidents by encouraging the public to not drink and drive.

Plan ahead and use a ride-share app, designate a sober driver, or public transit.

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