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## Broome County STOP-DWI Program

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## **STOP-DWI Program to Coordinate Extended Holiday DWI Crackdown**

*Checkpoints and patrols run December 15, 2017 through January 1, 2018*

**(Binghamton, NY)** The Broome County STOP-DWI Program today announced that law enforcement agencies across Broome County will deploy special DWI enforcement patrols to help ensure that our roadways will be safe during the holiday season.

According to NHTSA, 37,461 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2016, and 28 percent (10,497) of those fatalities were in crashes during which a driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the legal limit of .08. That same year, 781 people lost their lives in drunk-driving-related crashes in the month of December alone.

“The holidays are a festive time and endless parties with friends, families, and co-workers can easily lead to drinking too much alcohol. Keep your holidays merry and bright by remembering to always drive sober, no matter what. Remember, if you plan on consuming alcohol, have a plan to and from your destination using a designated driver, taxi, or by walking. Whatever you do, please don’t drink and drive,” said Broome County Executive Jason Garnar.

### Don’t just make party plans—make a plan to stay alive.

- If you plan on drinking, make arrangements now for how you’ll get home by downloading the free STOP-DWI *Have A Plan* mobile app at [www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp](http://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp)
- Consider getting a sober ride to your destination so you won’t have the option later to drive impaired
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol to fast. Pace yourself. Count your drinks. Eat plenty of food, take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make safe travel arrangements to where they are going
- If you’re hosting a party, offer non-alcoholic drinks and ask your guests to designate a sober driver in advance

STOP-DWI crackdowns are comprised of several periods organized by STOP-DWI New York. These efforts are supported with funding from both the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information about Broome County STOP-DWI please visit: [www.bcstopdwi.com](http://www.bcstopdwi.com) or follow the program on Facebook.com/broomestopdwi or Twitter @broomestopdwi