

Dec 13, 2021

**Contact** Kylie Mason

**Phone** 850-245-0150



## Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

### **AG Moody, FHP and Local Law Enforcement Urge Floridians to Stay Safe on the Roads this Holiday Season**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody, the Florida Highway Patrol and local law enforcement leaders are urging Floridians to stay safe on the roads this holiday season.

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month and according to the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, [40% of traffic-related deaths during Christmas and New Year's](#) involve drunk drivers. At a news conference in Orlando today, Attorney General Moody and law enforcement leaders delivered a clear message to anyone thinking about driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “We know that the holiday season brings an increase in crashes caused by those under the influence of drugs and alcohol. We will not tolerate impaired driving in Florida—so drive sober or get pulled over. This holiday season, help us keep our roads safe by reporting reckless driving when you see it by calling \*FHP.”

Florida Highway Patrol Director Colonel Gene Spaulding said, “Florida Highway Patrol troopers will be out in force this holiday season, actively looking for impaired drivers. Safety is always in season, especially during the holidays. As you travel and enjoy time with loved ones, please do so responsibly by never driving impaired and always buckling up.”

Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey said, “In Brevard County, we have zero tolerance for crime, so if you must drink then have a designated driver or pay a nominal fee or another form of transportation that can get you home safely! And if you can’t do that, then get ready to wake up Christmas morning in our jail where you can’t put anyone else’s life at risk!”

City of Orlando Police Chief Orlando Rolón said, “Driving while intoxicated is never okay. We want you to enjoy the holiday season responsibly.”

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Central Florida Executive Director Daniel Marquith said, “MADD is proud to partner with leaders across the State of Florida as we work collaboratively to end the epidemic of impaired driving. The holidays should be a time for friends, family and togetherness; not for mourning.”

During the news conference, Attorney General Moody, FHP and local law enforcement leaders discussed the annual [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Florida campaign](#). The campaign includes:

- [Florida DUI Law and Resources](#);
- [Florida Impaired Driving Strategic Plan](#); and

- [Florida Impaired Driving Coalition](#).

During the event, Attorney General Moody announced a Florida Cabinet Resolution, signed by Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet, recognizing [Mothers Against Drunk Driving's](#) 35th year of the Designated Driver Campaign, *Tie One On For Safety*.

To read the resolution, click [here](#).

For more information and tips for safe travels this holiday season, Attorney General Moody made a video announcement recognizing National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. To view the video, click [here](#).

Attorney General Moody also spoke about the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Florida campaign](#), as well as [Mothers Against Drunk Driving](#) and their 35th year of the Designated Driver Campaign, *Tie One On For Safety*. Also, in attendance at today's news conference were Florida Highway Patrol Director Col. Gene Spaulding, Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey, Osceola County Sheriff Marcos Lopez, Orlando Police Chief Orlando Rolón and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Representatives.