



Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

City of Goleta Police



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News Release

Goleta Police Department Conducting DUI Patrols

Goleta, Calif. - Additional deputies from the Goleta Police Department will be out on patrol Friday, May 22, 2020 from 6:00pm to 3:00am looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Goleta Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they need to run essential errands,

“Safety is paramount, but especially during the COVID-19 pandemic,” Sergeant John Maxwell, supervisor of the Goleta Police Department’s Traffic Unit said. “We are all in this together and want everyone to be as safe as possible when they are out. One way to do that is by not driving impaired.”

The Goleta Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or “operating heavy machinery,” which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home. Driving sober is your safest bet.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI will pay a stiff price: an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The City of Goleta contracts with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office for police services.

