



*2020 WILTON DRIVE, WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA 33305*

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

During September 14-20, 2015 the Wilton Manors Police Department (WMPD) in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other local law enforcement agencies will show zero tolerance for drunk driving in order to help raise awareness on the dangers of impaired driving and to save lives through a high-visibility campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

Drivers are considered to be alcohol-impaired when their Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher. According to NHTSA on average more than 10,000 people each year die on the road due to drunk driving.

During this campaign, Officers from WMPD will raise awareness on the dangers of drinking and driving through educational and enforcement actions. WMPD Officers will show high-visibility enforcement throughout the City of Wilton Manors. These enforcement efforts will include extra patrol focusing on Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement/Arrests, Drug Enforcement/Arrests, Reckless Driving, Safety Belt Enforcement, Speed Measurement Enforcement, Suspended Driver's Licenses, Uninsured motorists, and other traffic violations. These actions are in place to encourage all drivers to be more responsible drivers every time they get behind the wheel.

WMPD wants to remind drivers that it's not a recommendation to not drink and drive; it's the law. Before you drink and drive always designate a sober driver, call a taxi, or make alternate plans on getting home safely. But whatever you do, do not drink and drive. NHTSA has made it even easier to get home safely when you've been drinking. The new "SaferRide" mobile app (free from the iTunes store and Google Play), can help users call a taxi or a friend for a ride home. The app can even help you identify your location so you can be picked up.

If you are in The City of Wilton Manors and have become impaired due to drinking, you can now call Westway Towing at 954-731-1115 and request to have you and your vehicle towed to your home. The service is free for the first 5 miles and only \$2.50 each additional mile after that. No hookup fee will be charged, no matter the distance.

It's everyone's responsibility in this effort to save lives not just by driving sober, but by planning a safe way home, and by reporting impaired drivers. If you choose to drink and drive, the Officers from WMPD will see you before you see them. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

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