



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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## **Super Bowl XLVII-Fans Don't let Fans Drive Drunk**

Marshall County - The Super Bowl is one of America's most highly anticipated sports events, when friends and family gather in homes, bars and restaurants to celebrate. As Super Bowl Sunday approaches and football fans across the country prepare for the game, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), along with the National Football League (NFL) and Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) Coalition, have joined forces with Marshall County's local highway safety and law enforcement officials to spread the message about designating a sober driver on Super Bowl Sunday, because - Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

Deputies with the Marshall County Sheriff's Office will be working extra traffic enforcement over Super Bowl Sunday. The goal is to ensure the safety of those fans and citizens traveling our roadways. The focus will be on stopping and removing impaired drivers from the road. According to NHTSA, in 2011, 9,878 people were killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. These crashes were 31 percent more likely to occur on weekends than on weekdays.\* And remember your seatbelt is your best defense against a drunk driver in a crash.

Whether attending the game, watching at a bar or hosting a party, NHTSA, TEAM Coalition, the NFL and Marshall County Sheriff's Office remind everyone that Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. Before choosing to drink, choose your team's MVP - a sober designated driver. NHTSA offers these additional safety tips:

- i,§ Designate your sober driver, or plan another way to get home safely before the party begins.
- i,§ If you don't have a designated driver, then ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and get you; or just stay for the night.
- i,§ Use your community's sober ride program.
- i,§ Never let friends drive if they have had too much to drink.

Whether you are a Seahawks or Broncos fan we encourage you all to have one thing in common: Have a fun and safe evening watching the game and make sure if you or a friend has too much to drink to find a sober driver.

Remember: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

### **About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is headed up by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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