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Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

- This Sunday, February 3rd, will be host to one of the biggest sporting events in the country. The Super Bowl is the most watched sporting event in America. Many Marshall County residents will join others across the state and the country to gather with friends and family to socialize and watch the big game. The number of people traveling for Super Bowl Sunday rival some of the major holidays. With extra people out on our roadways, local law enforcement wants to remind drivers to travel safely over the weekend.

Many social gatherings will be serving alcoholic beverages; the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has been running a campaign on social media, "Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk". If you plan on drinking Super Bowl Sunday, plan now for a sober ride home. We already know from crash data that impaired drivers are a leading contributing factor in serious injury or fatality crashes in Iowa. In 2017 there were 12 traffic fatalities in Marshall County alone. Of those, more than half involved alcohol or drug impaired drivers. Drivers and passengers alike need to remember to buckle up when on the road. Be alert and avoid distractions while on the road. If you see an impaired driver, call 911 when it is safe to do so.

Law Enforcement will be on the lookout for dangerous driving behaviors such as impaired drivers, speed, and unbuckled occupants in vehicles. Sixteen people have died as a result of traffic crashes in Iowa so far in 2019. Regardless of the team you are cheering for, remember that it is important to make traffic safety a part of your game day plans. Remember the advice from our partners in traffic safety, "Fans don't let fans drive drunk".

About Marshall County Sheriff's Office

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is led by Sheriff Steve Hoffman and is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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