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Remember, a traffic crash is never on anyone's holiday wish list, so please plan a sober ride.

That's one of the messages on the Texas Department of Transportation's "Santa In Texas" Facebook page. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is pulling out all the stops to remind motorists not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. Santa's reindeer's message is, "Don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed or Blitzen. Call a cab or get a sober ride home."

The Burleson Police Department is echoing that sentiment as they partner with the state to get the word out to drivers.

"With the party season here, we urge people who plan to partake of alcoholic beverages to plan their transportation beforehand," Burleson Police Commander Cindy Aaron said. "Too often people don't realize how intoxicated they are. If you have been drinking, don't take a chance. Our desire is to keep the roadways as safe as possible."

New this year is an interactive "31 Days of Holiday Cheer" calendar which can be found on the Santa In Texas Facebook page (the City of Burleson, Texas, page is linked to the TxDOT Facebook page). Each calendar day unlocks games, recipes, tips, and videos to make the season merry and bright, all with the reminder to keep the holidays happy and plan a sober ride.

In 2010 there were 3,024 fatalities on Texas roads. Of that, 1,102 were the result of alcohol-related crashes. This makes alcohol a factor in 36.4 percent of the traffic fatalities in Texas.

In Texas, the legal limit is .08 BAC (blood or breath alcohol concentration). Since May 2008, if a driver is stopped in Burleson and the officer believes that driver is intoxicated but the driver refuses to submit to an intoxilyzer test, the officer can get a warrant to have the driver's blood drawn at a hospital.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders face a fine of up to \$2,000, loss of their driver's license for up to a year, and up to 180 days in jail. Safety officials say other costs associated with an impaired driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases, and other expenses.

A second offense includes a fine of up to \$4,000, loss of driver's license for up to two years, and up to one year in jail if convicted. The third offense comes with a fine of up to \$10,000, loss of driver's license up to two years, two-10 years in prison if convicted, and a mandatory 10-60 days in jail if the driver receives probation. After two or more DWI convictions in five years, drivers must install a special ignition switch that prevents their vehicle from being driven if the person has been drinking.

A driver may be charged with child endangerment for driving while intoxicated if they have a passenger who is less than 15 years old in the vehicle at the time. DWI with a child passenger is a felony that carries with it a fine of up to \$10,000, up to two years in state jail, and loss of the driver's license for 180 days (six months).

Minors, those under 21 years of age, can not legally purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcohol. A minor in possession of any amount of beer, wine or liquor will get slapped with a citation that could result in a fine of up to \$500, loss of driver's license for 30-180 days, eight-40 hours of community service and a mandatory alcohol awareness class.

Drivers and passengers can also be cited for having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.