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### **Jesse White Encourages Drivers to Be Safe This Thanksgiving—Designate Sober Driver**

Secretary of State Jesse White encouraged people to be safe and responsible drivers this Thanksgiving by not drinking and driving. Last year, alcohol was involved in 42% percent of fatal Thanksgiving holiday crashes.

“The night before Thanksgiving is one of the most dangerous nights of the year for alcohol-related fatal crashes,” White said. “One fatality is one too many, so let’s work together to avoid tragic situations from happening. If you are drinking, stay where you are or designate a sober driver.”

- In 2008, 44 percent of the deaths from Thanksgiving crashes were alcohol-related.
- In 2007, 58 percent of the deaths from Thanksgiving crashes were alcohol-related.

Secretary of State Police will be participating in DUI and seatbelt patrols during the holiday season, White said.

White reminded drivers that the safety belt is the best defense against a drunk driver.

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