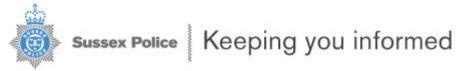
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News and appeals

Police launch Christmas crackdown on drink and drug-drivers

Sussex Police has made a significant investment in its ongoing campaign to tackle drink and drug-driving this Christmas.

Approximately 300 officers across the force are now fully qualified to test motorists for drugs at the roadside.

This is in addition to the hundreds more officers already able to test for drink-driving, and makes it harder than ever for motorists to get away with offences which put their lives and others' at risk.

The figure – up from about 110 – includes both Roads Policing Unit (RPU) and non-RPU officers, and coincides with the launch of Surrey and Sussex Police's Christmas crackdown on drink and drug-driving, which runs from Thursday 1 December 2016 to Sunday 1 January 2017.

RPU Inspector Stewart Goodwin said: "Our priority is to keep everyone who uses the roads in our counties safe. By increasing the number of officers capable of testing for drink and drug-driving, we are increasing our chances of catching criminals. Subsequently, this decreases the risk of innocent motorists being involved in collisions with someone who is under the influence of drink or drugs.

"Realistically, no matter how many warnings we issue and how much advice we give, there is always going to be a minority of motorists who continue to break the law. Our focus is on educating these individuals that under no circumstances is it ok to drive while over the specified limit of drink or drugs."

The Christmas campaign will see Surrey and Sussex Roads Policing Units carry out dedicated patrols across the two counties to put the brakes on motorists who take to the road while under the influence of intoxicating substances.

Click here for more details.

Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 0705 26-11

Location: Storrington Rise, Findon Valley

Date and time: On 25/11/16 between 1230 and 1400.

Details: Glass panel smashed on back door entry gained and untidy search. Christmas presents stolen

Reference: 1104 25-11

Location: Kings Barn Lane, Steyning

Date and time: 25/11/2016

Details: Smashed glass in back door, reached in and opened it. Small search made nothing taken

Reference: 1181 25-11

Location: Kings Barn Lane, Steyning

Date and time: Overnight

Details: Smashed rear patio door, hole big enough to reach in and open door. Entry not gained

Reference: 0018 27-11

Location: Rusper Road, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1900 and midnight on 26/11/16

Details: Front door kicked open. Ipads taken and untidy search made.

Reference: 0113 28-11 Location: Faygate Horsham

Date and time: Overnight between 27/11/16 and 28/11/16

Details: Window smashed to gain entry to building site. Power tools stolen.

Reference: 0993 01-12 Location: Woodmancote

Date and time: 01/12/2016 afternoon

Details: Entry gained by smashing ground floor window, untidy search.

Reference: 1225 01/12/16 Location: Firs Close, Horsham Date and time: 01/12/16

Details: Alarm went off on police arrival no one on the premises.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 1118 25-11

Location: The Sands, Ashington, Pulborough

Date and time: 1800 on 25/11/16

Details: Attempt break. Male in balaclava seen climbing on shed roofs to find a way in.

Reference: 0501 26-11

Location: Rushams Road, Horsham

Date and time: Overnight between 25/11/16 and 26/11/16 Details: Garage broken into. Stole £4000 worth of tools

Reference: 0829 27-11

Location: Lordings Road, Adversane, Horsham

Date and time: Overnight between 24/11/16 and 25/11/16

Details: Out buildings broken into and lawnmower batteries, chainsaws stolen

Vehicle Crime

Please be aware, on colder days when your car needs defrosting, although it may save time to leave your car running while you go back into your house this also saves time for the opportunist to steal your car. It is also illegal to leave your car engine running when unattended on a highway. It can also invalidate some insurance. We have had two incidents reported to us in the Horsham area of cars being left unattended and then stolen.

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please **contact us online**, email us at **101**@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

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