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Response to Recent Events in Our Community

“The tragic events which occurred in the City of Greater Sudbury this past weekend serve as a somber reminder of the potential consequences of making a decision to drink and drive. The decision to get behind the wheel of a vehicle after drinking cannot be taken lightly and can lead to tragic but **avoidable** consequences” advises Deputy Chief Lekun.

The most recent statistical data compiled by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) estimates that there are approximately 1,350 to 1,600 impaired driving fatalities in Canada each year. The personal, emotional and financial loss suffered as a result of these fatalities is difficult to comprehend.

Despite recent changes in legislation, increased penalties and the Ontario Governments commitment to enhance RIDE funding for police services, impaired driving remains a serious problem throughout our communities.

“The recent events resulting in the loss of innocent lives and injuries from accidents involving both alcohol and excessive speed has hit home within our local community and police service. The Greater Sudbury Police Service remains committed to addressing local concerns surrounding drinking and driving and will diligently continue our efforts to identify, apprehend and prosecute impaired drivers” states Deputy Chief Lekun.

The public also has a significant role to play in addressing the issue of impaired driving. The public is encouraged to think twice before deciding to drive after drinking. Make alternative arrangements for transportation prior to an evening of drinking such as calling a taxi, utilizing public transit, or arranging for a designated driver, monitoring friends to ensure they don't drive after an evening of drinking and reporting suspected impaired drivers to police.

Let's be part of the solution and not the tragedy. Please don't drink and drive!

The members of the Greater Sudbury Police Service are committed to providing quality policing in partnership with our community.

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