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Night of 1000 Stars – Saturday, December 16th

GRANT COUNTY, WA – ‘Night of 1000 Stars’ is an annual statewide effort dedicated to finding and removing impaired drivers from the road. On Saturday, December 16th from 7:00 pm to 2:00 am DUI emphasis patrols throughout Grant County will be led by Washington State Patrol and joined by local law enforcement. Each star symbolizes the badge worn by a law enforcement officer.

From 2018 to 2022, the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission reported that 38 percent of traffic fatalities in our region (Adams, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln) involved an impaired driver.

From 2018-2022, most fatal crashes in our region involving an impaired driver occurred:

- On Sundays, n=13 (23%)
- In October, n=9 (16%)
- From 6pm-9pm, n=13 (23%)
- On State Routes, n=29 (52%)
- In Rural areas, n=48 (86%)

Anytime you plan to consume alcohol, make plans ahead of time to ensure you have a safe and sober ride home. Drunk driving has the devastating potential to take a life in an instant.

Ensure the safety of yourself and others:

- If it’s your turn to be the designated driver, take your job seriously and don’t drink.
- Don’t let someone get behind the wheel if they have been using alcohol, cannabis, or other drugs.
- Always wear your seatbelt. It is your best defense against impaired drivers.
- Provide a safe environment for youth to thrive substance free.
- If you see an impaired driver, call 911.

Getting home safe is always worth it.

Grant County Health District is the proud lead agency for Target Zero Region 15, which includes Grant, Adams, Lincoln, and Ferry counties—Target Zero striving to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on Washington’s roadways. For more information, visit www.targetzero.com.

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