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New Year's Eve Safety in Hopewell

HOPEWELL, VA – New Year's Eve is about fun and celebration to herald in the New Year. The Hopewell Police Department would like everyone to enjoy their holiday but also wish to remind the public about safety issues surrounding the New Year's Eve holiday. Before you celebrate, please remember:

- If going out and celebrating with alcohol, arrange for a designated driver or other form of safe transportation home. We need to prevent drinking and driving to ensure the safety of yourself and others.
- Make sure others within your group are also acting responsible. If an individual is intoxicated, stop them from driving or leaving with someone they do not know. Prevent others from making choices that may jeopardize safety.
- If hosting a party at your home, you have assumed the responsibility for the well-being and safety of all your guests.
- Citizens are also reminded that discharging fireworks and firearms are a violation of City Code and State Law. City Code Sec. 37-4 states it shall be unlawful and a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person, without necessity, to fire or discharge, within the city, any firearm of any kind. Individuals with a concealed weapons permit in violation will have their permit revoked.
- Citizens are strongly urged not to fire guns into the air, this is a reckless act as the bullet will fall to the ground with sufficient velocity to damage property and injure or kill.

There will be extra patrols throughout the City on New Year's Eve to enforce violations of law to include drunk driving, discharging firearms, and disorderly conduct. .

The Hopewell Police Department wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year.