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Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade Safety Message

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of St. Louis want to make sure you and your friends stay safe this St. Patrick's Day, by remembering one important piece of advice: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.*

This means that if you plan to drink any alcoholic beverage on March 17, even a watered-down green beer, it's essential that you plan for a designated driver. The Hibernians supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in its efforts to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Because even one drink can be one too many.

"We want our community to enjoy St. Patrick's Day, and we expect drivers to take responsibility for their actions," commented 2002 Parade Chairman Dennis Pogue." If you've been drinking, make the right choice to find a sober driver to get you, and your friends, home safely. Pogue added that there will have a ride-hailing area for both cabs and ride-sharing services on March 17. The area located on Clayton near Crescent, in the Zoo's Frog Lot.

Drivers should also keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle

Pogue said that Saint Patrick's revelers need to know that they can go out for a night of fun and return home safely.



“Don’t be the reason someone — including yourself — doesn’t get home. Don’t let St. Patrick’s Day become an anniversary of a tragic night,” said Pogue.

This St. Patrick’s Day, the Ancient Order of Hibernians urge drivers to either designate a sober driver or make alternate transportation arrangements before heading out on March 17.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternal organization that seeks to promote Irish heritage, history, culture and faith. It also does charitable work in both the United States and Ireland. For information on the Ancient Order of Hibernians, or the 2020 AOH Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, visit the Hibernian website at <http://www.stlhibernians.com/> or contact Parade Chairman, Dennis Pogue via e-mail: cptdpogue@gmail.com.