



San Francisco Public Safety Agencies Joint Media Release

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San Francisco Public Safety Agencies join together to promote Winter Holiday Safety

WHAT:

A joint Holiday Safety Media Event from the following agencies:

1. San Francisco Chief of Police Toney Chaplin.
2. California Highway Patrol Commander Christopher Sherry.
3. San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White.

WHEN:

December 5, 2016 - 1:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

WHERE:

San Francisco Police Department Main Lobby, 1245 3rd St,
San Francisco, CA 94158

San Francisco Police Department:

“There’s no place as special as San Francisco when it comes to the holiday season and we want to offer a few tips to help make your holiday experience a good one,” said Interim

Police Chief Toney Chaplin. “Stay alert and try not to get distracted by electronic devices and don’t leave packages or valuables visible in parked cars.” “The SFPD will have increased foot patrols, plain clothes officers and mounted units out in shopping areas to help deter crime.” For more Safe Shopper tips, go to www.sanfranciscopolice.org

California Highway Patrol:

For many, December is a time of holiday parties, increased travel and unfortunately driving under the influence. Driving under the influence does not only pertain to alcohol. Driving under the influence of marijuana, prescription drugs, and other drug use is illegal. The CHP will be out in full force during the holiday season providing the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to the public. Officers will be looking for speeders, distracted drivers, and those who are not buckled up.

“Our goal during the holiday season is to deter unsafe driving behavior, help disabled motorists and take enforcement actions that will result in safer roadways for everyone.,” said CHP Captain Christopher Sherry, Commander of the San Francisco Area office.

San Francisco Fire Department:

The winter holidays are a time for celebrating and decorating. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Remembering a few simple facts and following a few tips can prevent a fire. Although Christmas tree fires are infrequent, when they do occur, they can be serious. Nearly one of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems. One in four tree fires are caused by a heat source being too close to the tree. Nearly half of all decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Candles start two of every five home decoration fires, and cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries.

Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. Use battery operated flameless candles instead. Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory, inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up and throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires. For more information on holiday fire safety please visit the San Francisco Fire Department’s website at www.sf-fire.org
