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IFPD Reminds Beer Fest Participants to be Safe

Do you have a designated driver?

With the annual Mountain Brewers' Beer Fest happening on Saturday at Sandy Downs, the Idaho Falls Police Department is reminding all event participants to be safe and not drive drunk. It's recommended that anyone that has been drinking alcohol to have a designated driver to ensure all roadways are kept safe.

According to MADD statistics, there were nearly 13,000 drunk driving fatalities in 2007 and countless other injuries. According to the most recent data from Idaho, there were 58 fatalities related to drunk driving.

In a recent study, 60 percent of those surveyed said they had operated a car or truck under the influence of alcohol or close to being under the influence of alcohol, up from 57 percent in 2000.

The IFPD warns that any drunk driver will be arrested.

The public is also encouraged to report any drunk drivers on the road to law enforcement.

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