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### Press Release

The Quartzsite Police Department was awarded \$6,000 in grant funds from Director Alberto Gutier of the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the 2017 Federal Fiscal Year. The grant funds will further assist the Quartzsite Police Department in increasing its ability to detect impaired drivers. This grant will fund overtime pay to increase officers on the roadways, enhancing impaired driving/DUI alcohol enforcement and education within the community and La Paz County.

The grant funds are reflective of the Quartzsite Police Department's commitment to improving roadway safety within the community. The Quartzsite Police Department encourages everyone in the community to do their part in making our roadways safe by diligently obeying traffic laws and driving safely.

The Quartzsite Police Department is very appreciative of the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety and Director Alberto Gutier for granting QPD for this funding. QPD had expended all their current grants funds and needed additional funding to continue operations to serve our community. *"Our Community...Our Commitment"* continues to stand true for the Department. The grant is specifically for detecting DUI drivers within the Town of Quartzsite and La Paz County.

This time of year, Quartzsite Police Department wants to emphasize that this is not just holiday time enforcement. QPD will be dedicating additional personnel to enhance our efforts to remove impaired drivers off our streets.

### **Remember, Drive Hammered, Get Nailed!**

As part of AZ-GOHS / La Paz County DUI Taskforce, departments across the state will increase their patrols on streets and highways. QPD wants everyone this holiday season to plan ahead and designate a sober driver. **"Get a DD NOT a DUI!"** If you plan on drinking at all, don't plan on driving.

The Quartzsite Police Department wants all drivers to please remember these tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to avoid a DUI and keep our roads safe:

- Even one drink can impair your judgment and reaction time and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk or crashing.
- If you will be drinking, do not plan on driving. Plan ahead; designate a sober driver before the party begins.
- When you know you'll be drinking, leave your keys at home or give them to someone else.
- If you have been drinking, do not drive-even a short distance. Call for a ride, sober friend or family member or use public transportation.

Remember it is never ok to drive after drinking, **Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving**. For more information, visit [www.azgohs.gov/programs](http://www.azgohs.gov/programs) or [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov).