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A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM AUBURN POLICE

Trees are being trimmed, candles lit, and shopping has commenced – all signs that the holiday season is upon us. The Auburn Police Department reminds motorists to slow down, buckle up, and focus on your driving.

“We want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday,” says Chief Phil Crowell. “Motorists should pay extra attention to their driving by reducing speed, increasing hands-free cell phone usage (if cell phones must be used while driving), and reporting aggressive and/or impaired driving.”

Motorists can expect high visibility speed, OUI, and seatbelt enforcement during this busy holiday season.

“Don’t be in a hurry and don’t lose your patience,” says Crowell. “And don’t underestimate the negative effects associated with fatigue and sleep deprivation. If you are the least bit sleepy, do not put yourself or others in danger. Designate a sober and well-rested driver this holiday season.”

The men and women of the Auburn Police Department would also like shoppers to take the following precautions in securing their vehicles in order to prevent thefts:

1. Lock your vehicle and make sure windows are completely up and secured. In 2011, Auburn had 120 reported thefts from motor vehicles. In almost every case, the vehicles were unlocked.
2. Lock passenger compartments of your vehicle including the glove box and center console.
3. Never leave packages or valuable items in plain view. Remove them from the vehicle or secure them in the trunk.
4. Know your surroundings, park in well-lit areas and report suspicious activity. Call 911 in case of an emergency. For non-emergencies, call 784-7331. Police reports can also be filed online at www.auburnpd.com using the APD’s Citizen Online Reporting System (CORS).

The Auburn Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.