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It's not just for the holidays: Tarrant County is No Refusal year-round

(Fort Worth, TX) – As you gear up for holiday celebrations this year, don't forget that Tarrant County is No Refusal all the time.

Tarrant County Law enforcement leaders and Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson announced earlier this year that law enforcement is on the streets 24-7 year-round, ready to crack down on intoxicated driving.

That means drivers pulled over for suspected impaired driving who refuse to take a routine breath test will be subject to a court-ordered blood test instead.

There's no reason for anyone to drive intoxicated at a time when there are so many rideshare options, such as Uber, Lyft or taxis, said Kacey Fickes, a felony court team prosecutor and DWI expert for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

"Additionally, everybody has a cell phone," she said. "Call somebody. Call anybody. There's no excuse anymore. It's the most selfish crime out there.

"We will get your blood if you are driving while intoxicated on our streets."

A first offense of DWI is a Class B misdemeanor, which comes with a fine of as much as \$2,000 and up to 180 days in jail.

Click this link for video by the TCCDA's Office that can be used any time about DWIs or No Refusal:
<https://youtu.be/vP61NBc0xQM>

