

**Trenton Police Department offers holiday safety tips, information on potential scams**  
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Police Chief Tommy Wright warns of two scams that have affected citizens of Trenton; and Sergeant Larry Smith of the Trenton Police Department has offered the following safety tips and suggestions for holiday celebrations.

Chief Wright advises that during the last few days, several Trenton Citizens have received telephone calls from unknown persons demanding money or advising the citizens that they have won money but they would need to contact telephone number over-seas for further information.

In the first call, they advised they were with the FID (Federal Inquiry Department) and that the Citizen was being sued as a result of a Payday Loan debt. The caller demanded credit card or checking account information or face arrests.

The second reported incident involved a citizen being called from a company in the country of Costa Rica. They were advised that they had won a sweepstakes and that the winner would need to contact a telephone number for further information.

Chief Wright advises to never give out any financial or personal information to an unsolicited caller. Chief Wright says, "If you receive a telephone call from anyone demanding money, credit card information, checking account numbers or any personal information, please do not give the caller anything. If possible, please get a name and call back number and then contact the Trenton Police Department or your local law enforcement agency".

As 2012 draws to a close, Americans across the country are planning their New Year's celebrations. Unfortunately, many accidents and fatalities occur during this exciting time of parties and resolutions. It is important to keep safety in mind.

The fact is, New Year's Eve can be one of the most dangerous nights of the year on our nation's roadways because of drunk and impaired driving.

In 2010 alone, crashes involving drunk drivers resulted in 10,136 deaths. In 2011, 9,878 people lost their lives.

Even with the percentages declining, I can't overemphasize how serious this problem is. Ultimately, putting a stop to drunk driving begins with personal responsibility.

Whether you're going to a big party or staying in with friends and family, following these few New Year's Eve safety tips will ensure that everyone gets to and from their celebrations safely so they can enjoy all that 2013 has to offer!

**Designate a Driver:** If you are going to be driving New Year's Eve, don't drink and drive. If you have a friend who does not prefer to drink, make sure they take the wheel.

**Be Alert:** Be aware of your surroundings and how others are acting. Stay away from those who are out of control and might cause harm. Taking preventive measures is key. If someone is really intoxicated, prevent them from trying to drive or leaving with someone they do not know. It's important to keep an eye out for each other.

Whatever you do, don't leave your drink at a table and then come back to it. While New Year's Eve is a time for celebration it's also extremely dangerous when it comes to someone spiking your drink while it's unattended.

**Don't Drive:** If you don't have to get behind the wheel, avoid it. More people will be driving under the influence on this particular night, so avoid a potentially dangerous accident by staying off the road. Otherwise, be alert and drive defensively. Most importantly, wear your seat belt!

**Stick Together:** This way we can look out for our friends and family. Having a safety net around you in this environment is imperative.

**Monitor your Alcohol Intake:** Many people associate New Year's Eve celebrations with drinking. Be aware of how much you are drinking. Be responsible. Remember, celebrating on New Year's Eve is about the roller-coaster of another year and the hopefulness of a new one. By having a good sense of awareness and taking these simple New Year's Eve safety tips to heart, we can make sure that everyone's friends and family have a happy and healthy year ahead!