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Aloha Friends:

I hope you and your families are well. This Thanksgiving holiday, it is important to remember how much we have to be thankful for including the freedom we share as Americans. Let us continue to keep those in Paris in our thoughts and prayers while they recover from the recent terroristic tragedy. I continue to be thankful for the privilege of serving you in the Hawaii State House of Representatives and I thank you for entrusting me to be your voice at the Legislature.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and please be safe. Our office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after, but please feel free to call or email me, should you have any questions or comments. Happy Thanksgiving!

Malama Pono,

## HOLIDAY DRIVE SAFE CAMPAIGN KICK OFF: DECEMBER 5TH

As you may recall in 2007, I was hit head-on by a drunken driver in Kapolei. Subsequently, I introduced a bill that required anyone arrested for drunk driving to install an ignition interlock into their cars. This bill became law in 2008 and went into effect in 2011. According to the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drunk driving takes one life every 51 minutes in the United States. In Hawaii over 30% of all fatalities are alcohol related.

2015 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Live and Let Live/Drive Safe 4Ewa, Kapolei Campaigns. In past years, you may have seen crashed car displays and signage at the corner of Ft. Barrette Road and Farrington Highway, reminding us to drive safe and sober. Please join me and others from our community on December 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Kapolei High School, to kick off for our 2015 safe driving campaign.

During the Holiday Season (Thanksgiving through New Year's Day), 2-3 times more people die in alcohol related crashes than the rest of the year. What you can do:

- Have a designated driver prior to going out;
- don't let your friends drive drunk, take their keys;
- if you have been drinking, ask for a ride home or call a taxi/uber/lyft; and
- if you are hosting a party, make sure all guest leave sober.

## ALCOHOL AND ITS EFFECTS

### Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Levels

<b>.15%</b> About 7 beers		- Serious difficulty controlling the car and focusing on driving
<b>.10%</b> About 5 beers		- Markedly slow reaction time - Difficulty staying in lane and braking when needed
<b>.08%</b> About 4 beers		- Trouble controlling speed - Difficulty processing information and reasoning
<b>.05%</b> About 3 beers		- Reduced coordination and ability to track moving objects - Difficulty steering
<b>.02%</b> About 2 beers		- Loss of judgment - Trouble doing two tasks at the same time



**LIKELY EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON DRIVING**

[WWW.CDC.GOV/PARENTSARETHEKEY](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/PARENTSARETHEKEY)





Representative Har speaking to 3rd graders at Mauka Lani Elementary for Career Day.

## HOLIDAY COMMUNITY EVENTS

- \* **Country Christmas & Snow Zone** – Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Kapolei Commons. Kick off the Holiday season with your family. This event will feature activities for the kids, FREE pictures with Santa, face painting, balloons, game booths with prizes and the thrill & chill of playing in 30 tons of snow.
- \* **Chamber Music Hawaii** – Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the UH West Oahu Library. The Honolulu Brass Quintet will perform popular selections of the season. Cost is \$20—\$25. Visit <http://cahmbermusichawaii.org> for more information.
- \* **A Touch of Christmas** - Friday, December 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the KROC Center. Enjoy family friendly activities including a live nativity, gingerbread house and cookie decorating, games, prizes, live entertainment and more. Food available for purchase. This event is FREE and open to the public.
- \* **Kapolei Chorale Christmas Concert** - Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Kapolei Library. Enjoy the four part harmony of our community members as they sing songs of the season.
- \* **15th Annual Kapolei City Lights** - Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The parade begins on Kapolei Parkway fronting the Department of Hawaiian Homelands Building, continues west and ends at the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Kama`aha Avenue. There will be a “street party” with food trucks, entertainment. A Santa Village for the keiki will feature games and activities. A farmers market, health fair and craft fair will round out the evenings festivities.

