



## News Alert

# Northeast Community Challenge Coalition

## Drunk, Drugged and Distracted Driving Summer Driving Risks

The summer months between Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day are traditionally known as one of the *more dangerous* times of the year on our nation's highways.

“Alcohol use, however, is only one dangerous behind-the-wheel behavior. Increased attention is now being focused on other types of dangerous driving behavior, such as text messaging, talking on a cell phone, and drugged driving. More than ever, it is time we recognize the dangers of drugged driving and take steps to reduce this threat to our nations health and safety.”



“Use of any drug that acts on the brain can impair motor skills, reaction time, judgment, and other faculties required for safe driving. Drugged driving is a public health concern because it not only puts the driver at risk: it also endangers the lives of passengers and others sharing the road. Every sector of the community can play a role in the fight against impaired driving. Educate your agencies and organizations to participate in this campaign.”

Every sector of the community can play a role in the fight against impaired driving due to alcohol, marijuana and other drug use. Educate your agencies and organizations about this important public health issue.



Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy

**For more information on what you need to know about marijuana, please see the attached fact card.**

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