



Drunk Driving Deaths Surge on the Fourth of July

An Independency Day reminder from Narconon Arrowhead to help make this holiday a safe one

([PRWEB](#)) July 1, 2005 -- The Fourth of July is one of America's greatest holidays. There are barbecues and swimming pools and fireworks and more. It's a time of celebration for sure, but too often these celebrations involve heavy consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Binge drinking (consuming five or more alcoholic beverages in a row) is a dangerous activity, and every month nearly one quarter of the population 12 and older participates in that behavior. Heavy alcohol consumption can lead people to make uneducated and irresponsible decisions, such as getting behind the wheel of an automobile. The result can be getting arrested, wrecking their car, or even causing the death of someone you love. Earlier this year we learned that approximately 4 million young people drove under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which is a statistic that is shocking enough by itself.

The latest information available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates that the Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays on the roads. In fact, nearly 55% of all traffic fatalities on this holiday were alcohol-related, totaling 282 deaths. The percentage is higher than New Year's Eve and the overall number is nearly three times more than the last two New Year's Eves combined.

Approximately 15 million Americans are addicted to alcohol, and thankfully there are organizations such as Narconon Arrowhead that are dedicated to helping people overcome addiction as well as preventing others from getting caught in the trap. Narconon Arrowhead is one of the nation's largest and most effective drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and its success comes from the application of American author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard's drug-free methodology.

Narconon Arrowhead would like to remind you that the Fourth of July is a day that is supposed to be a celebration of our freedom, not to mourn the loss of a loved one.

For more information about Narconon Arrowhead or to get help for those in need call 1-800-468-6933 or visit www.alcohol-addiction.org today.

To find out how you can help make this Fourth of July safer for your community and see other statistics on drinking and driving log on to www.maddonline.org.

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