



McAllen Police Department

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**At PEAK HOLIDAY Season
The McAllen Police Department Reminds Drivers:
The GRINCH is on Patrol
DWI No Refusal Initiative is Effect at Hidalgo County**

DWI steals a person's life in more ways than one. Too often, DWI also affects and steals innocent lives. This year, the GRINCH has had a change of heart. The GRINCH has united with Law Enforcement Agencies for a safe and happy holiday season for all.

The Holiday Season is the happiest time of the year for every community. Sadly, Driving While Under the Influence (DWI) often affects the Season for many persons. In some cases, when death happens, that impact is irreversible, and affects the lifetimes many beyond those involved.

At Hidalgo County, we average approximately 2,400 DWI arrests, 875 DWI crashes with injuries and 30 DWI related fatalities yearly.

This year, the GRINCH has had a change of heart. The GRINCH promises good deeds by uniting with Law Enforcement agencies to assist to render our communities safer by going on patrol and ensuring a DWI No Refusal Initiative.

The No Refusal period is in effect through December 31, 2023.

No Refusal means that Hidalgo County Law Enforcement Agencies are prepared to go to extra lengths to ensure DWI convictions by ensuring that evidence of DWI is not denied. Judges will be at the ready to service search warrants sought by these law enforcement agencies for drivers who refuse to take a breath test.

Statement by McAllen Police Chief.

“The holiday Season is upon us. This year, we proudly join forces with the Grinch and Hidalgo County Law Enforcement Agencies on this DWI No Refusal Initiative,” said McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez.

We ask our community’s assistance by always helping to prevent driving under the influence. Our goal is simple: a safer community for a more joyous community. With our community’s help, we can achieve it,” Chief Rodriguez concluded.

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