



### **Thanksgiving: Don't Drink & Drive**

**With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it is important to remember that alcohol can be a part of the holidays for many Americans and over consumption of alcohol combined with driving can be deadly. In 2013, 168 Oklahomans died in alcohol related car crashes with another 1,657 injured in one.<sup>1</sup> There are many prevention tips designed to keep you and your loved ones safe and here are some ways you can take part:**

**Plan ahead if you are going to drink at Thanksgiving holiday get-togethers by having a designated and sober driver.**

**Manage your alcohol consumption, and limit yourself from over-indulging.**

**When hosting Thanksgiving get-togethers for family and friends, provide a wide range of choices of non-alcoholic beverages. In addition to sparkling waters, fruit juices and teas, there are non-alcoholic beers and wines.**

**As the host of a Thanksgiving get-together, you are responsible to ensure your guests, whether family or friends, do not leave under the influence of alcohol and get behind the wheel of a vehicle.**

**Ensure the person has a designated sober driver to get them home safely, and if not, provide them a place to spend the night and sleep it off.<sup>2</sup>**

**The Red Rock RPC wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving this year! If you have questions for the RPC, please call 580-323-9736.**

<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma Highway Safety Office.  
[http://www.ok.gov/ohso/documents/2013FB\\_Crashes\\_Alcohol.pdf](http://www.ok.gov/ohso/documents/2013FB_Crashes_Alcohol.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Alcoholism Prevention Tips: Thanksgiving Can Be High Risk Holiday for Abuse.  
<http://www.narconarrowhead.org/blog/alcoholism-prevention-tips-thanksgiving-can-be-high-risk-holiday-for-abuse.html>

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

Nov. 8: Caddo County  
Interagency Coalition @ 12 in  
Anadarko @ RISE  
Nov 16: ALITE @ 12 in Elk City  
@ City Hall  
Nov 20: Kiowa Co. Coalition @  
1 in Hobart @ Health Dept.  
Nov 23: Thanksgiving



Social Host Reminder-Don't be a Party to Underage Drinking  
Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like to remind community members about "Cody's Law," also known as the Statewide Social Host Law. Social Host provides stronger penalties for individuals who knowingly allow underage drinking in their homes or on their property. With the statewide social host law, all youth across the state of Oklahoma are better protected against the dangers of underage drinking.

The social host law provides a misdemeanor and fine of up to \$500 for the first violation and a fine of up to \$1,000 for a second. Further violations can result in up to five years in prison and a fine of \$2,500. If a violation of Cody's Law results in bodily injury or death, a social host will face a fine of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and up to five years of incarceration, House Bill 1211 is named after Cody Greenhaw, a Tulsa teenager who died from a drug and alcohol overdose. Both chambers of the Legislature passed House Bill 1211 unanimously. The legislation took effect Nov. 1, 2011.

For more information on the Social Host Law or the RPC please contact Red Rock RPC at (580)323-9736 or visit the RPC website at [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com).

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