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### **San Juan Police and TXDOT Join Forces for the Christmas Holiday**

The San Juan Police Department will be conducting traffic enforcement operations during this Christmas season. Officers will be enforcing speed, seat belt, drunk driving and distracted driving violations during the period of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. A grant received from the Texas Department of Transportation will allow for more officers to be on the road and enforce the above mentioned violations.

The San Juan Police Department advises drivers that regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, seat belts have been proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent, and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans.

It is well-established that speeding represents a risk to public safety. Excessive speed increases the likelihood of crashing and the risk of severe injury in a crash. Factor in being impaired by alcohol or drugs and the risk increases tremendously.

The goal of the enforcement is to reduce traffic accidents, reduce the amount of drunk drivers on the road and create a safe environment and community during the time period of enforcement.