Everett Police Department - Press Release

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Holiday Safety & Food Drive

EVERETT, Wash. - The Holiday Season is here! Be prepared for a season of fun, shopping and festivities. The Everett Police Department wants you to stay safe <u>and</u> help us support those in need within our community.

Everett Police is again joining the Lakewood Police Department for the Fallen Officer Food Drive which commemorates all law enforcement who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Food Drive donates to local food banks and gives back to our communities. Donations boxes are available at the North Precinct (3002 Wetmore Ave) and the South Precinct (1121 SE Everett Mall Way) until December 6. We will be joined by SnoPac 911, Skagit 911, the Washington State Patrol and several local business partners. The public is encouraged and welcome to help!

We also want you to be prepared while driving, shopping and especially keeping your children safe! Here are some tips to keep in mind while you are out and about:

Driving:

- -Give other drivers space
- -Allot extra time for winter conditions
- -Use a designated driver if drinking
- -Have your keys ready before arriving at your car
- -Buckle up!

Shopping:

- -Store valuables and presents in the trunk
- -Keep cash in a front pocket and carry your purse close to the body
- -Immediately notify the credit card company if your card is lost, stolen or misused
- -Shop with a friend or family member
- -Only use ATM's during daylight hours or in well lit public places
- -Never leave your purse in the shopping cart

Children:

- -Keep children close at all times!
- -Select a meeting spot in case the family gets separated
- -Always accompany children to the rest room
- -Never leave children alone in the car
- -Teach children their full name, address and telephone number for police officers or store security in case they get lost

-Remind children to never open the door to strangers

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