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MedStar 'Ties One On' for the Holidays Ambulance Service Reminds Public to Drive Sober

December 23, 2009 (Fort Worth, Texas) Those red ribbons adorning MedStar ambulances aren't Christmas decorations; they're reminders not to drink and drive this holiday season and throughout the year.

MedStar EMS, the ambulance service provider to 15 Tarrant County cities, is supporting the MADD North Texas' 'Tie One On For Safety' holiday red ribbon campaign with red ribbons on all 47 ambulances in its fleet.



245 people were killed in North Texas in alcohol-related crashes in 2008. Impaired driving remains the nation's most frequently committed violent crime.

"We see the deadly consequences of drunk driving first hand" says MedStar paramedic Tim Penic "And it can easily be prevented by simply designating a driver before you go out."

MedStar EMS reminds the public not to make an ambulance their designated driver:

- Designate a driver before you go out.
- Spring for a cab ride. Whatever it costs is way less than the \$17,000 a DWI will cost you.
- Call or text a sober friend to give you a ride.
- Take the bus or other public transportation.
- Sleep it off where you are.

As a reminder, in Texas, the legal limit for intoxication is .08 BAC. If law enforcement thinks your driving is impaired, you can be stopped and arrested for DWI regardless of your BAC. Penalties get worse with every DWI offense.

About MedStar

MedStar is the exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance service provider to 15 Tarrant County cities including Blue Mound, Burleson, Edgecliff Village, Forest Hill, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Haslet, Lakeside, Lake Worth, River Oaks, Saginaw, Samson Park, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, and White Settlement. Established in 1986,

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MedStar provides advanced life support ambulance service to 421 square miles and more than 860,000 residents in Tarrant County. MedStar responds to about 100,000 emergency calls a year with a fleet of 47 ambulances.

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