

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## FLPD ANNOUNCES NEW DUI TASK FORCE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to announce our newest specialized unit dedicated to combating Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Our DUI Task Force began operations on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

This unit is staffed full time with one sergeant and three officers. Research, specialized training and equipment allow the unit to actively seek out DUI violators, as well as respond to assist patrol officers who may come into contact with possible intoxicated drivers.

Each member of the unit is a certified breath test operator and has received advanced roadside training. In addition, Officer Keating has completed Drug Recognition Expert Training to better identify substances other than alcohol that may impair a driver's abilities.

The goal of the DUI Task Force is to target and reduce impaired driving ultimately resulting in a decreased number of crashes involving impaired drivers.

"We applaud the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's DUI Task Force for their commitment to keeping our streets safe," said Fort Lauderdale City Manager Lee R. Feldman. "Every impaired driver this team takes off the road, brings us one step closer to achieving our ultimate Vision Zero goal of eliminating crashes resulting in serious injury or death in the City."

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's DUI Task Force made its 100<sup>th</sup> arrest on April 5<sup>th</sup> and continues to keep our roads safer for our neighbors and visitors.



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