

## FOP Urges All To Be Alert In Holiday Driving

Motorists were warned yesterday to keep alert if they want to stay alive during the holiday season.

The warning was issued by Officer James McMullin, president of Red Rose Lodge 16, Fraternal Order of Police. It came as officers started a year-end safety campaign with an emphasis on driver alertness.

Through distribution of bumper strips to motorists and by wide-spread publicity, police will remind drivers that a moment's inattention when behind the wheel can cause a fatal accident. Officers urge drivers to "stay alert by making it coffee" when they drive, McMullin said.

The local FOP president pointed out that the Christmas-New Year's season is the most dangerous time on the roads, with more people killed in auto accidents over these holidays than at any other time of the year.

"One of the principal causes of holiday tragedies is that the driver's attention has been impaired by such things as drowsiness, the monotony of a long drive, alcohol or other causes. This is particularly true during the holidays when everybody is more tired than usual because of the increased pace of social and other activities," he said.

"A cup of coffee before starting home at the end of a party, or every couple of hours on a long drive, will help keep motorists alert for the driving ahead," McMullin stated.

"Of course, if a person is celebrating the season by drinking, he should never try to drive, but let someone else take the wheel," he warned.

The local safety campaign is part of a nationwide effort by the Fraternal Order of Police to make the holidays safe and happy.

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