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Keep Celebrations Enjoyable for All

SUMMARY: Eugene Police are encouraging fans to celebrate a UO victory by following simple party management tips to keep the party safe for all.

Eugene Police are cheering for a Ducks victory tonight against Kansas State at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona. Win or lose emotions in high stakes games can run high. Most fans react to the outcome in normal, acceptable ways.

In order for the event to remain a positive and happy event for everyone, EPD will be proactively working throughout the city to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all with an emphasis on safe celebrations.

The Eugene Police Department will be working closely with outside agencies including the University of Oregon to see that everyone enjoys a safe, positive celebratory environment.

If you are planning on hosting a Fiesta Bowl watch party here are a few party management tips to keep in mind:

Party Management Tips

- **Respect your neighbors.** Find ways to celebrate that do not infringe upon your neighbors and that are alcohol-free.
- **Control the guest list.** "Come one, come all" parties usually result in police contact. Have a door monitor to screen guests. Don't let random people who are walking around looking for a party into your house.
- **Adults only.** If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons 21 years of age or older.
- **Plan ahead.** Notify neighbors well in advance of the date, times and location of the party. Give them a telephone number and the name of the person to contact if there is a problem (and be responsive to their calls!).
- **Monitor noise levels.** Keep doors and windows closed to reduce outside noise levels.
- **Discourage drinking games.** Have a non-drinking person serving alcohol and don't let people carry alcoholic beverages outside of your party.



- **Clean it up.** Your neighbors may be more tolerant of your next party if you clean up promptly after this one. Clean up debris from your yard or the street.
- **Safety first.** If you are concerned for a friend's medical safety—such as suspected alcohol poisoning—call 9-1-1 immediately.
- **Prevent drunk driving.** Arrange for transportation by a designated driver *before* anyone drinks. Make sure arrangements are understood by everyone. Ensure people don't drive under the influence (a person riding a bicycle under the influence also may be arrested for DUII). *As the party host, you are also liable.*

What if your party gets out of control?

- **If your party gets out of hand,** call the police. EPD will come out and help you regain control.
- **Respond positively if a police officer comes to your house.** The officer most likely is responding to a complaint. Make sure the person interacting with police officers at the front door is sober and able to be responsive to officers' requests.
- **Interfering with police officers makes a bad situation worse.** Use common sense and be cooperative.
- **When a police officer asks you to clear an area, leave right away.** If you stick around to see what's happening, you may be in a situation where you are interfering with a police officer. If police warn that they are going to use tear gas, you need to quickly get as far away as you can.

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