

## SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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## "Arrive Alive" for Thanksgiving

## Summit County Prosecutor Relaunches Campaign to Help Keep Drunk Drivers Off The Road

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, November 16, 2022) – As people finalize plans for visiting family, friends, and loved ones during the Thanksgiving holiday, Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh wants them to Arrive Alive. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office, along with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, is re-launching the Arrive Alive program to help keep drunk drivers off the roads during the Thanksgiving holiday.

WHAT: FREE rides home for Summit County Residents for the Thanksgiving Holiday WHEN: From 6pm Wednesday November 23 to Noon Friday November 25 HOW: Use code SUMMITTHANKS22 for 400 one-time use codes for up to \$20 LYFT ride credit.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office is once again teaming up with Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree and the ride-share service LYFT to provide free and reduced fare rides home in Summit County for anyone who has had too much to drink while celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday. Arrive Alive has 400 one-time use codes for a free ride home (up to \$20) to use within Summit County.

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"Thanksgiving is a time for joyous gatherings with lots of food and fun. I do not want a tragedy to impact any family's holiday season. That is why Arrive Alive is so important," said Prosecutor Walsh. "The night before Thanksgiving is known as "Blackout Wednesday" when many people go out drinking. If you are planning to drink alcohol, do not get behind the wheel. Use Arrive Alive to get home safely. The life you save might be your own."

"We are pleased to once again partner with the Prosecutor's Office for this important program," said Sheriff Fatheree. "If you find yourself in a position where you're considering driving impaired over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend – think again and make use of the *Arrive Alive* program. Don't be the reason for an empty seat at yours or some other family's Thanksgiving dinner table."

Summit County residents who need a ride home after drinking alcohol can use the LYFT code: SUMMITTHANKS22. The program runs from 6pm on Wednesday November 23, 2022 through noon Friday November 25, 2022.

More than 2,000 people have used the Arrive Alive service since the Summit County Prosecutor's Office launched Arrive Alive during the 2018 July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

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