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TXDOT STEP Grant Focus DWI's with a Child Passenger

El Paso, Texas - The El Paso Police Department for the month of January focused on Driving While Intoxicated with a child passenger, thanks to a grant funded through the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP aims to reduce collisions by focusing enforcement efforts on DWI's, in particular for the month of January with child passengers. As a reminder, if you choose to drink alcohol please do so responsibly.

Sec. 49.045. Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger

(a) A person commits an offense if:

(1) the person is intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle in a public place; and

(2) the vehicle being operated by the person is occupied by a passenger younger than 15.

(b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

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