

CHARR New Year's Eve Cab Program Results in No DUI Arrests

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For the third year in a row the New Year's holiday resulted in no drunk driving or DUI arrests in Kodiak, according to the Kodiak Police Department. The Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association, or CHARR, once again provided free cab rides on New Year's Eve. KMXT's Erik Wander has more.

Carmen Lunde is the director of CHARR.

-- (DUI
1 12 sec "What we do is provide ... the cab
will take them home.")

Lunde said the vouchers were provided by local establishments, such as bars and hotels. She said the program has a three-year history of success thus far.

-- (DUI 2 24
sec "No DUI's ... they're
taking these cabs.")

Lieutenant Ray
Ellis, Deputy Police Chief with the Kodiak Police Department, attributes the
success not only to CHARR, but to increased police presence in the downtown
area and public safety campaigns.

-- (DUI 3 55
sec "Our New Year's was rather uneventful
... it pays those positive benefits.")

Ellis said there may have been fewer visitors to the
downtown area this year due to cold weather. But he urges people to continue to
exercise caution when it comes to drinking and driving throughout the new year.
I'm Erik Wander.

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