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## State Police Announce Safety Guidelines in the French Quarter for Super Bowl LIX

**NEW ORLEANS** – Louisiana State Troopers are gearing up for an exciting and highly anticipated Super Bowl week in February 2025. With large crowds expected, safety in and around the French Quarter is paramount. Law enforcement officials are announcing that additional safety guidelines have been implemented for this event.

From February 5, 2025, through February 10, 2025, there will be a French Quarter Enhanced Security Zone (FQESZ) from Canal Street to St. Ann Street between Royal Street and Dauphine Street. (Please view the attached FQESZ map for a visual of the area.)

The following guidelines are in place for the FQESZ:

- Backpack coolers and ice chests are **prohibited** within the FQESZ.
- Anything larger than 4.5" x 6.5" (the size of a clutch handbag) are discouraged and subject to search by law enforcement prior to entering the FQESZ.
- Vehicles will be prohibited from entering the FQESZ except for emergency purposes. Beginning February 5, 2025, any vehicles parked in the FQESZ will be towed.
- Visitors staying at hotels on Bourbon Street should access their hotel using the Royal Street or Dauphine Street entrances. Visitors will be allowed access with luggage at the nearest barrier/cross street if the hotel does not have access to those streets. Those visitors must provide proof of hotel reservation and identification.
- Anyone refusing a search will be denied entry to the FQESZ.

Beginning February 5, 2025, only those vehicles dropping off visitors to hotels, residents of the area, and emergency vehicles will be allowed into the area from Canal Street to St. Ann Street between Decatur Street and North Rampart Street. Residents and hotel visitors must provide proof of hotel reservation/residency prior to entry.

Residents and visitors should be aware of these key reminders:

- The Caesars Superdome is a "No Drone Zone" for the Super Bowl.
- Concealed weapons are prohibited in bars, casinos, government buildings and venues such as the Superdome.
- If carrying a concealed handgun, you must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and you should never handle the firearm in a way that could cause harm to others.
- When interacting with law enforcement officers, it is your responsibility to notify them if you are armed.

Troopers will be assigned to the French Quarter, Central Business District, and key roadways and event locations, including the Caesars Superdome, providing high-visibility vehicle and foot patrols throughout the week.

Please remember to utilize the "<u>See Something, Send Something</u>" app to report real-time activity to the appropriate investigators. The app is found listed as See Send by My Mobile Witness, Inc. and is a nationwide suspicious activity reporting tool for citizens. Both text and/or pictures may be submitted directly to public safety personnel.

"Super Bowl LIX is the perfect opportunity to showcase New Orleans as the world class city it is. In order to do this, we must prioritize the safety of every single visitor and resident in the city. Today's action demonstrates the commitment of federal, state, and local officials to make sure the Super Bowl flows seamlessly and safely. These security measures were put in place to balance the security of everyone with the freedoms we all enjoy in this country," said Governor Jeff Landry.

Residents and visitors can also follow Louisiana State Police on our social media pages: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice/">www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice/</a>, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice/">twitter.com/LAStatePolice</a> or <a href="https://www.instagram.com/lastatepolice/">https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice/</a>, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice/">twitter.com/LAStatePolice</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lastatepolice/">https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice/</a>, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lastatepolice/">twitter.com/LAStatePolice</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lastatepolice/">https://www.facebook.com/lastatepolice/</a>.

Louisiana State Police wants everyone to remain safe, make good decisions, and have a fun and exciting Super Bowl week! To report possibly impaired and/or aggressive drivers, please dial **\*LSP** (\*577) from your cell phone.

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