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The Super Bowl Weekend, Spread The Word: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Super Bowl weekend is here, and the DeKalb Police Department is reminding football fans and partygoers that designated drivers are the best defense against the dangers of impaired driving. If your Super Bowl celebration involves alcohol or cannabis, plan for a ride home with a sober driver. If you're hosting the party, take care of the designated drivers. Fans don't let fans drive drunk.

"When you're making your plans for a good time on Super Bowl night, make sure they include a sober ride home," said Cmdr. Chad McNett. "Even one drink can impair judgement. A designated driver can ensure you and your friends get home safely."

Whether you're attending a party, hosting a gathering or going out to a bar, keep safety at the forefront of your day and night. When it's time to leave, make sure your designated driver is sober. If you're walking, ask a sober friend to walk home with you.

Follow these simple tips for a safe celebration:

- Drunk or high, it doesn't matter. It is never okay to drive impaired. Designate a sober driver or plan to use alternate transportation such as a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and plan to get your friend home safely.
- Always buckle up!

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The DeKalb Police Department spent 27 hours enforcing traffic laws during December's "Holiday Campaign", resulting in 20 citations and 3 arrests.

The Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is administered and funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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