

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



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This St. Patrick's Day, plan before you party! Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and many Illinoisans will be celebrating with parades and parties featuring green beer and cocktails. To remind motorists of the dangers of drunk driving and to help keep our streets safe, The DeKalb Police Department is teaming up with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation for a stepped-up traffic safety campaign. Last month's Superbowl Campaign saw officers stopping over fifty vehicles and citing over forty traffic violations.

St. Patrick's Day can be a dangerous one on America's roads due to increased alcohol consumption and drunk driving. There were 272 lives lost in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday between 2017 and 2021.

In addition to looking for alcohol- and cannabis-impaired drivers, we will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest. Speeding, distracted driving, and all traffic laws will be strictly enforced.

Whether you're attending a party, hosting friends, or going out to a bar, please stay safe. When it's time to leave, make sure your designated driver is sober. Designated drivers: Be alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs.

Other important tips:

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

The St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by IDOT.

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