## DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **DeKalb Police Department Results of Steering Clear of Tragedy Campaign**

Impaired Driving Campaign Makes Holidays Safer

This holiday season, The DeKalb Police Department teamed up with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies statewide for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, targeting impaired drivers from Dec. 13 through Jan. 2. The result? A safer holiday season with 31 citations for seat belt, speeding, distracted driving and other traffic offenses.

"We can't stress it enough: Impaired driving is a deadly gamble," said Commander Tony Kwasniewski. "It's illegal, it's irresponsible and it puts lives at risk – yours, your passengers' and everyone else's on the road. Campaigns like 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' empower us to address this issue directly and send a clear message. If you're under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or anything else, don't drive."

The enforcement initiative, administered by IDOT and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, underscores the collective commitment to safer roadways, particularly during high-risk times like the holidays.

"This effort isn't just about enforcement," said Commander Tony Kwasniewski "It's about protecting lives and ensuring every celebration ends safely for everyone."

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