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The DeKalb Police Department Begins Fourth Of July Safety Campaign To Encourage Safe and Sober Driving

The City of DeKalb Police Department announced plans for stepped-up July Fourth traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign will run from June 16 through the early-morning hours of July 5 to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

“It’s simple: If you’re driving, don’t drink or use marijuana or other drugs,” said Cmdr. Chad McNett. “Our officers will be working special traffic patrols to keep impaired drivers off the road and enforce all other traffic laws.”

The DeKalb Police Department will join the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local police and sheriff’s departments for the increased statewide enforcement effort. Additionally, as part of the Memorial Day campaign that we just finished, the DeKalb Police Department wrote 23 tickets for a variety of traffic offenses, including Speeding, No Seat Belt, and Driving with a Revoked License.

Use these tips to help ensure a happy and safe holiday:

- Designate a sober driver and give them your keys before you go out.
- Don’t let friends or family members drive under the influence.
- If you are drunk or impaired by marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, use your favorite ride-sharing app, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report drunk drivers to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It’s not only the law, but also your best defense against an impaired driver.

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The “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” “Drive High Get a DUI” and “Click It or Ticket” programs are made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement period runs concurrently with IDOT’s media campaign, reminding motorists that “It’s Not a Game” to drive impaired.

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