



SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DUI Roadside Safety Checkpoint and Late-Night Enforcement

Crackdown. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Skokie, IL – Today, the Skokie Police Department announced its late-night plans for the 2011 Labor Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Impaired Driving Crackdown. The intensified enforcement effort against the overwhelming number of late-night impaired drivers and safety belt violators underscores the disproportionate number of traffic deaths occurring during late-night hours.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the midnight to 3 a.m. timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roadways. Not coincidentally, the data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest safety belt usage rate.

Often times motor vehicle deaths are a direct result of alcohol and because of this several DUI roadside safety checkpoints will take place in the early morning hours during the upcoming weeks. Too often people suffer tragic injuries and the loss of a loved one as a result of this serious crime. The dates, times, and locations of these checkpoints are as follows:

Friday, August 19 – 20, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5005 Dempster St., Skokie IL

Tuesday, August 23 – 24, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
8700 McCormick Blvd, Skokie IL

Tuesday, August 30 – 31, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
8700 Skokie Blvd, Skokie IL

Sunday, September 04 – 05, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5200 Touhy Ave., Skokie IL

These checkpoints will be in conjunction with several saturation patrols taking place in the early morning hours.

The Skokie Police Department recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends and family drive impaired as just two of several simple steps to avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
- Wear your safety belt. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety. The crackdown will run concurrently with the ongoing media campaign that will remind motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

For more information, please visit www.drivesoberillinois.org.

