



SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Holiday enforcement crackdown - Impaired driving and late-night safety belt enforcement.

Skokie, IL – The Skokie Police Department announced its late-night plans for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” impaired driving and late-night safety belt enforcement crackdown during the holiday period. The intensified enforcement effort to combat late-night impaired driving and safety belt violations 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. The data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of driving under the influence and the lowest safety belt usage rate.

“The numbers do not lie. We will be stepping up our late-night enforcement efforts, making sure impaired drivers are off the road and motorists are buckled up,” said Sergeant David Pawlak.

Several DUI roadside safety checkpoints in conjunction with several saturation patrols will take place in the early morning hours during this upcoming holiday period. The dates, times, and locations of these checkpoints are as follows:

Monday, December 19 – 20, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
8700 Skokie Blvd, Skokie IL

Friday, December 23 – 24, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5005 Dempster St., Skokie IL

Tuesday, December 27 – 28, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
8700 McCormick Blvd, Skokie IL

Friday, December 30 - 31, 2011, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5000 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie IL

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 runs concurrently with a media campaign that will remind motorists, “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket.” For more information, please visit www.drivesoberillinois.org.

