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Skokie Police Department reminds motorists that luck won't get them home safely this St. Patrick's Day
Law enforcement plans Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown on impaired drivers

Skokie, IL – Skokie Police Department announced today they will be conducting special patrols this St. Patrick's Day to crack down on impaired drivers. Unbuckled motorists also will be ticketed.

“We are reminding everyone this weekend through St. Patrick's Day to drive sober and buckle up,” said Chief Anthony F. Scarpelli. “If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a sober driver before the party begins. Be responsible or risk a DUI.”

“Too often, St. Patrick's Day can be a deadly and dangerous time on our roadways because of impaired driving. That is why starting on March 13th and running through March 21st, we will be working overtime during the late evening hours to catch and arrest anyone who is driving impaired.”

In addition to looking for impaired drivers, Skokie Police Department, will be stepping up seat belt enforcement particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest.

“Always designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive impaired are just two simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving,” said Chief Scarpelli. Other important tips include:

If you are hosting a St. Patrick’s Day party:

- Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you serve is involved in an impaired-driving crash;
- Make sure all of your guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers;
- Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party;
- Keep the phone numbers for local cab companies handy and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of impaired driving.

If you are attending a St. Patrick’s Day party:

Designate a sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys; If you do not have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home, call a cab, sober friend or family member to pick you up or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

- Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired;
- Always buckle up – it is still your best defense against an impaired driver.

“Driving impaired is a deadly decision and it is against the law. We will show zero tolerance,” said Chief Scarpelli. “So remember, designate a sober driver before the party begins and always buckle up.”

The St. Patrick’s Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered through IDOT’s Division of Transportation Safety.