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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Independence Day Traffic Safety Campaign

The Lake County Sheriff's Office announces plans for Independence Day traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign will run from June 17 through July 8 to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

"We're asking for everyone venturing out on our roadways to celebrate Independence Day safely," said Sheriff John Idleburg. "It's simple: If you're driving, don't drink or use drugs. Our Sheriff's Deputies will be working diligently to keep impaired drivers off the road."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office will join the Illinois State Police and more than 160 local police and sheriff's departments for the increased statewide enforcement effort.

Other important tips include:

- Give your designated driver your keys before you go out.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing service, 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. Not only is it the law, it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns are made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement runs concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that impaired driving has "Life or Death" consequences. Visit [LifeOrDeathIllinois.com](http://LifeOrDeathIllinois.com) for more information.

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