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MEDIA RELEASE

Thanksgiving Traffic Safety Campaign

The Lake County Sheriff's Office will be participating in a traffic safety campaign around the Thanksgiving Holiday. The campaign runs from November 20 – November 30, 2020.

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "There is nothing worse than having to notify a family that a loved one died in a crash because they were the victim of an intoxicated motorist – especially during the holidays. With so many options available to have a safe and sober driver, there is absolutely no excuse for getting behind the wheel while intoxicated."

Throughout the year, many traffic deaths and injuries could be prevented with the click of a seat belt or the choice to designate a sober driver. More than 30% of motor vehicle crash fatalities in Illinois involve an alcohol-impaired driver, and data shows drug-involved driving is on the rise.

To combat these trends, the Lake County Sheriff's Office is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies in a statewide effort to save lives by stepping up enforcement of seat belt and impaired driving laws.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT as part of the statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* and *Click It or Ticket* campaigns.

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