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MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Begins Fourth of July Traffic Safety Campaign to Encourage Safe and Sober Driving

The Lake County Sheriff's Office will have a stepped-up July Fourth traffic enforcement campaign with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign will run from June 16th through the early-morning hours of July 5th to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

"It's simple: If you're driving, don't drink or use marijuana or other drugs," said Sheriff John D. Idleburg. "Our deputies will be working around the clock to keep impaired drivers off the road and enforce all other traffic laws."

The Sheriff's Office will join the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local police and sheriff's offices for the increased statewide enforcement effort.

Use these tips to help ensure a happy and safe holiday:

- Designate a sober driver and give them your keys before you go out.
- Don't let friends or family members drive under the influence.
- If you are impaired by alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing app, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report impaired drivers to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It's not only the law, but also your best defense against an impaired driver.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" programs are made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement period runs concurrently with IDOT's media campaign, reminding motorists that "It's Not a Game" to drive impaired.

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