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## **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this St. Patrick's Day**

Lincolnwood, IL – The Lincolnwood Police Department will be conducting special patrols for St. Patrick's Day from March 12 – 18 targeting impaired drivers and encouraging the use of seat belts.

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

- Remember, you can be held liable if someone you serve is involved in an impaired driving accident.
- Make sure your guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.
- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Download a ride-sharing app on your phone to help partygoers, and keep phone numbers for local cab companies handy.
- Take keys away from anyone who is trying to drive impaired.

If you are going out for St. Patrick's Day:

- Designate a sober driver ahead of time, and give that person your keys.
- If you do not have a designated driver, call a cab, use ride-sharing, have a sober friend or family member pick you up, or stay where you are and sleep it off.
- Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive impaired.
- Buckle up – it's your best defense in a crash.

Pedestrians are at risk, too. If you are walking, keep an eye out for cars. Designated drivers should remain alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs and pedestrian signals.

The St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign is part of the Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" programs supported through federal funds administered by IDOT.

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