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Lake in the Hills Police Department begins Independence Day safety campaign

Lake in the Hills, IL – The Lake in the Hills Police Department announced plans for stepped-up July Fourth traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign will run from June 16 through the early-morning hours of July 5 to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

“The Lake in the Hills Police Department will join the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local police and sheriff’s departments for the increased statewide enforcement effort,” said Officer Amanda Schmitt, Lake in the Hills Public Information Officer. “Along with officers statewide, our officers will be working around the clock to keep impaired drivers off the roads and enforce traffic laws and keep our community safe.”

The Lake in the Hills Police Department requests the community 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 drunk or impaired by 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 home safely.
- Promptly report drunk drivers to local law enforcement by pulling over to the side of the road 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.

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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 a media campaign reminding motorists that “It’s Not a Game” to drive impaired.

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