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Lake in the Hills kicks off Thanksgiving campaign for safe and sober driving

Lake in the Hills, IL – The Lake in the Hills Police Department announced it is joining with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and nearly 200 local police and sheriff’s departments to remind motorists to *Click It or Ticket* and *Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over* throughout the Thanksgiving holiday.

“We want our community to understand that it’s up to them to make the smart decision to drive sober Thanksgiving weekend and every day,” said Officer Amanda Schmitt, the Lake in the Hills Police Department Public Information Officer. “Remember – if you’re going to drink or use other impairing substances, don’t drive. We will be stepping up patrols to keep impaired drivers off the roads and ensure everyone makes it home from their celebrations.”

The safety campaign will run Nov. 19 – Nov. 29 leading up to and following the Thanksgiving Day holiday, one of the busiest times on Illinois roads.

If you will be celebrating with alcohol or other impairing substances, please remember:

- Make a plan for a sober ride home before you go out.
- If you have been drinking or using marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, use a ride share service, take mass transit, or call a family member to get you home safely.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

For further information or questions, please contact Officer Amanda Schmitt, the Lake in the Hills Police Department Public Information Officer, at 847-658-5676.

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