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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **This St. Patrick's Day, plan before you party** ***Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

**Lake in the Hills, IL** – With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, the Lake in the Hills Police Department is reminding motorists to plan ahead for a sober ride home to keep celebrations from turning deadly. The Lake in the Hills Police Department will conduct additional patrols from March 12-18, 2021, to keep alcohol and drug impaired drivers off the roads. In addition to patrolling for impaired drivers, officers will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest. Speed limits and distracted driving laws will also be strictly enforced.

Designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive impaired are two simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for driving under the influence.

Other important tips:

- If you do not have a designated driver, ask a sober friend or family member for a ride home, call a ride sharing service, or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.
- Buckle up. It's your best defense in the event of a crash.
- Remember, pedestrians are at risk too. If you are walking, keep an eye out for cars. If you're driving, remain alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs.

The St. Patrick's Day *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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