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Lake in the Hills Police to motorists: this Thanksgiving, buckle up and designate a sober driver

Lake in the Hills, IL – The Lake in the Hills Police Department reminds drivers and passengers that the recipe for safe driving begins with buckling their seatbelts before every trip to ensure that everyone gets to the Thanksgiving table safely. In order to make traveling safer, motorists should always drive the legally posted speed limit, have every person in their vehicle properly restrained, and never drive distracted or impaired.

Many traffic deaths and injuries can be prevented with the click of a seat belt or the choice to designate a sober driver. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 30% of motor vehicle crash fatalities in Illinois involve an alcohol-impaired driver, and data shows drug-involved driving is on the rise.

To combat these trends, the Lake in the Hills Police Department is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and local law enforcement agencies in a statewide effort to save lives by stepping up enforcement of seat belt and impaired driving laws.

Motorists will see this increase in safety patrols from Nov. 20 over the holiday weekend through the early morning hours of Nov. 30.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT as part of the statewide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* and *Click It or Ticket* campaigns.

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