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### **Don't be haunted by scary decisions – drive sober and buckle up**

*Lake in the Hills Police Department is stepping up impaired driving enforcement for Halloween*

**Lake in the Hills, IL** - While Halloween celebrations may be different this year, many ghosts and ghouls will still be on the “haunt” for a frighteningly good time. The Lake in the Hills Police Department reminds motorists of the importance of planning for a sober ride home before the scares start, buckling up, and keeping watch for little goblins walking along roads after dark.

Special patrols will be conducted from Oct. 17 through Nov. 2 with a focus on seat belt compliance, as well as to crack down on impaired and distracted drivers. Driving impaired by alcohol, marijuana or any other substance in Illinois is not only scary, it's illegal. Remember: DUIs are not restricted to alcohol-related offenses. If you drive high, you'll get a DUI.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department asks everyone to follow these simple tips to help keep our roads safe this Halloween:

- Plan for a safe and sober way home before you go out: designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member.
- Remember, walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as you can safely do so.
- If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.

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

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