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Before You Hit the Road this Thanksgiving, Buckle Up and Designate a Sober Driver

Lake in the Hills, IL – The Lake in the Hills Police Department will be working around the clock through Thanksgiving and the remainder of the year to make certain travelers are buckled up and driving sober. Special patrols will be conducted from November 22nd through the holiday weekend into the early morning hours of December 2nd to crack down on alcohol and drug impaired drivers and reinforce seatbelt safety.

The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, 15 motor vehicle crash fatalities occurred in Illinois over the 2018 Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Five of the 15 deaths occurred in crashes involving at least one driver who had been drinking.

“Holiday traffic brings with it an increased risk for accidents,” said Communications Coordinator Ashley Eccles. “Whether traveling across town or across the state this Thanksgiving, we ask that you and all of your passengers wear your seat belt and plan ahead for a sober ride home.”

The “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaigns are funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT. The crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that impaired driving has “Life or Death” consequences. Visit LifeOrDeathIllinois.com for more information.

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