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NEWS RELEASE

Keep the Scares Off the Road this Halloween

Buffalo Grove, Illinois – The Buffalo Grove Police Department will be reminding motorists about the dangers of impaired driving, particularly on Halloween when little ghouls and goblins are out in neighborhoods and on the streets. If you plan to be celebrating, keep these fearsome warnings in mind: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, and Drive High Get a DUI.*

“If you know you’re partying this Halloween, make sure you designate a sober driver to get you home safely,” said Lieutenant Michael Rodriguez. “Don’t put yourself, or others at risk by driving impaired with alcohol, marijuana or any other substance.”

Each year throughout Illinois, hundreds die in impaired-driving crashes, while others face the ramifications of a DUI. These can include jail time, loss of a license, and thousands of dollars spent on attorney’s fees, fines and lost wages.

The Buffalo Grove Police Department urges everyone to follow these simple tips to help keep our roads safe during Halloween:

- Plan a safe way to get home before you attend a party.
- Designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use a ride-sharing service or call a friend to get home.
- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. If you walk, designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.
- Buckle up: it’s your best defense against impaired drivers.

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

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