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NEWS RELEASE

Help Keep Roads Safe this Holiday Season: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

Buffalo Grove, IL. — Buffalo Grove Police Department is looking for drunk drivers this holiday season as part of a special year-end *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement.

“Beginning December 16 and continuing into the New Year, motorists will see stepped-up enforcement to watch for anyone who is driving impaired, distracted or without a seat belt,” said Sergeant Anthony Goldstein. “We are working toward having zero fatalities this holiday season, so we will have zero tolerance for drunk and drug-impaired driving on roads in Buffalo Grove.”

Too often, drivers take to the roads after drinking at holiday celebrations. Data shows the decision to drive while impaired can have serious and sometimes deadly consequences. In 2015, 35,092 people in the United States were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes, and 29-percent (10,265) died in crashes where the driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the limit of .08.

If you choose to drive impaired, you not only risk your safety and that of others, but you will also face serious legal consequences,” Sergeant Goldstein said.

Drunk or drug-impaired driving offenders often serve jail time, lose their driver’s license, and are charged higher insurance rates. Additionally, they have to pay dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off of work. The ultimate cost of impaired driving is causing a traffic crash that results in injury or death.

Follow these tips to stay safe on the road this holiday season:

- If you will be drinking, plan on not driving. Arrange for a safe ride home.
- If you become intoxicated or drug-impaired, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, sober friend or family member, use a ride-share program.
- If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys, and arrange a safe way home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone’s life.
- Buckle your seat belt, regardless of where you are seated.

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